



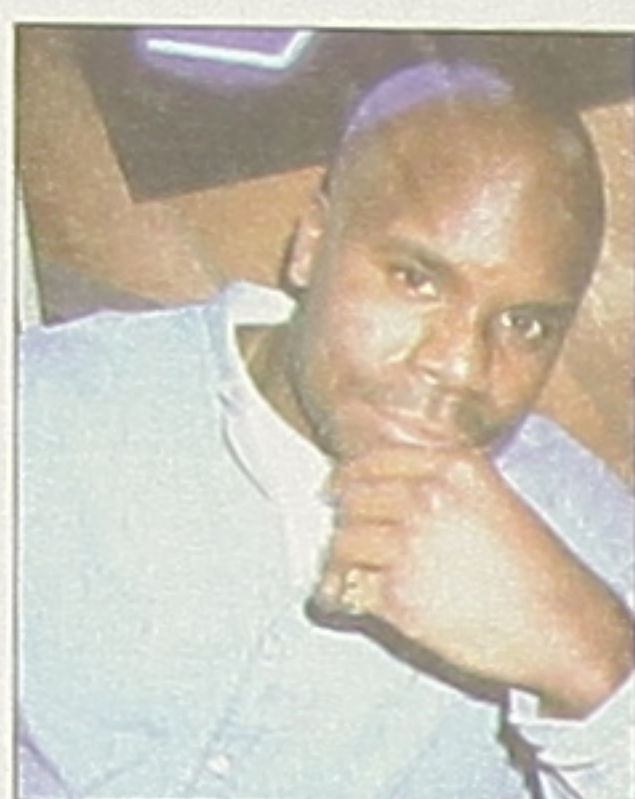
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Suzuki Violin Academy: Dr. Kexi Liu and the Missouri Southern Suzuki Violin Academy will host a Suzuki string workshop today and Saturday... Arts, Page 7



“He'll always be a part of my mind. I remember his voice, his smile.”

In Memoriam

Jason Oscar Johnson
Sept. 29, 1970 - Oct. 5, 1998

Southern community loses smiling face

Students, faculty, friends mourn after tragic incident

By AARON DESLATTÉ AND JEFF WELLS
OF THE CHART STAFF

Jason Oscar Johnson never said hello without a smile. He would bounce into class with a grin that was contagious.

Friends say he always gave more than he took.

That he was the rarity of human beings who seemed to always walk in the sunshine, somehow above the shadows in life. The path he followed wasn't always free of pitfalls, but he forged his own trail and was happy where it led.

Friends and instructors remember how Johnson could light up a classroom with his personality and how he could win over friends without effort.

“He was the kind of person who literally, when he came into your life, touched it in some way,” said Dr. Richard Miller, head of the social science department at Missouri Southern.

Johnson, 28, a junior sociology major at Southern, died Monday afternoon from wounds he received in an altercation Friday night at Fifth and Joplin. The events leading up to the stabbing that took his life are unclear. But the impact of Johnson's absence from class was felt on Monday.

Shawn Williams, a junior sociology major, left a message on Johnson's answering machine Sunday. They were supposed to

study for a test together. When no one returned the call, Williams paged him. Johnson's girlfriend, Holly Ripper, returned the call from Freeman West Hospital in Joplin. Williams was speechless.

“I never heard him putting anybody down,” Williams said. “Since the day I met him, I knew he had a love for people.”

Williams never studied for the test. He forgot his books on the way to the hospital.

A home at Missouri Southern

Johnson's higher education got off to a rocky start.

After graduating from Parkway North High School in St. Louis, Johnson attended the University of Cincinnati. There he played football until he injured his knee.

After his injury, Johnson had to do some soul searching. He had never contemplated life without football.

Johnson transferred to Southwest Missouri State and then Pittsburg State before finding a home at Southern in August 1997.

“His parents made the comment that Jason had never been happier than here,” said Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology.

Johnson was serious about studying. To him it was a meticulous process. His main focus in life was getting a degree.

“He talked about how he'd been through

Suspect held in murder case

By AARON DESLATTÉ
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A 34-year-old Joplin man wanted in connection with the stabbing death of a Missouri Southern student is in custody in Delaware County.

Gary W. Black, 210 Brownell Ave., was arrested Monday in a trailer park northeast of Grove, Okla., after a tip from neighbors led Delaware County authorities to the address.

He is charged with first-degree murder in Jasper County.

Black allegedly stabbed Jason Oscar Johnson, 28, a junior sociology major at Southern, in the throat following an altercation at 9:51 p.m. Friday at Fifth and Joplin Streets.

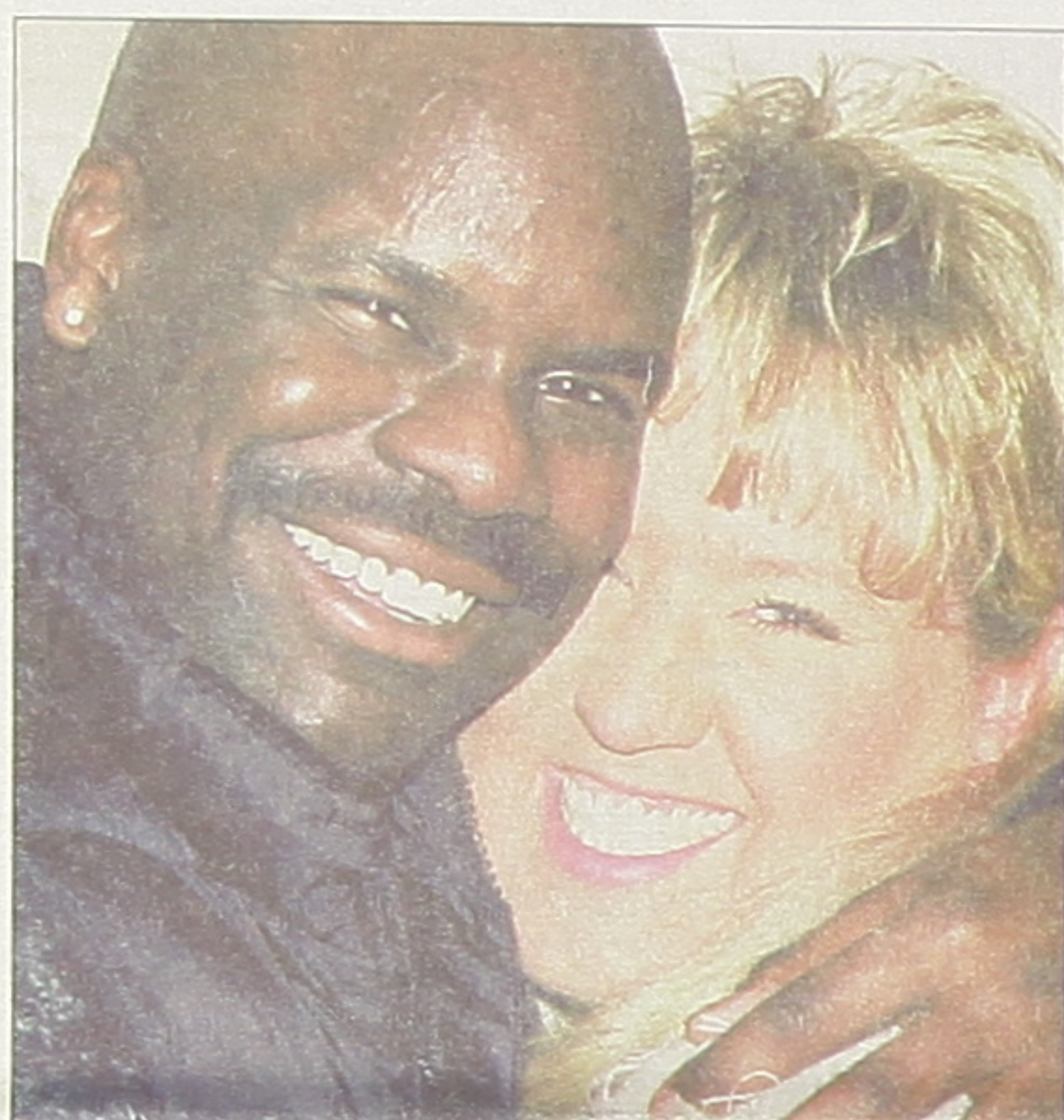
Joplin police said the confrontation



Gary W. Black

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HOLLY RIPPER/Special to The Chart

Jason Johnson came to Missouri Southern after stints at three other universities, the University of Cincinnati, Southwest Missouri State, and Pittsburg State.

LIFELONG LEARNING

Televised courses offer advantages, disadvantages for students

By GINNY DUMOND
MANAGING EDITOR

Trying to find a median between advancing technology and personalized education is occupying the time of Missouri Southern's faculty and administration.

The issue centers around the idea of distance learning, primarily through the use of videotapes. Faculty reimbursement for continued use of taped classes, personalization of classes, and meeting the needs of the Southern service area are all at the forefront of discussion on the topic, according to Dr. Jack Spurlin, vice president for lifelong learning.

“This is an opportunity to serve a group of students in a more effective way,” Spurlin said. “In the

24 years I've been at the College, the College has done what it can for the good of the students.”

Dr. Ann Allman, counselor, said there are several issues, both positive and negative, associated with the taped sessions.

“I have mixed emotions,” she said. “I'm very much a classroom teacher and I like to put them in a circle so they can interact face to face.”

It reaps tremendous rewards and keeps them in school.”

The other side of the coin, according to Allman, is the type of students who may only take courses offered on video or the Internet.

“You can reach audiences such as those who stay home with chronically ill children or aging parents,” she said.

“This could reach those who prize their freedom and operate daily in a flex-time mode which could be as much as 50 percent of the population.”

Though there may be some opposition to the idea, Spurlin says the change is a matter of student service and is on the horizon for Southern.

“Change is hard to accept for a lot of people, and I think there are some people who are threatened by this change,” he said.

“We can sit and do nothing, but then we're not serving students in our area because we're not taking the opportunity.”

“It's a very competitive market, and we want to maintain our share of students, and so we're doing this as a matter of keeping a fair market share.”

Spurlin said there is a strong trend among other

colleges and universities to offer the video and Internet classes, citing Western Governors University as an institution operated strictly on the Internet.

“I'm genuinely excited. I think this is an opportunity to move this college in the direction it needs to go. I know it's going to be a bumpy road,” he said. “Some people will be hesitant to jump on board and we may have technical problems, but we are making the right move at the right time.”

Because of the impersonality of the taped class process, Allman says both students and instructors will miss out on the class environment as well as the connections made between students and faculty. “With distance learning, they can see the interaction up to a point, but they can't feel it,” she said. □

HELEN S. BOYLAN SYMPOSIUM

Former Cherokee Chief works to dispel stereotypes

By NICK PARKER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Combining experience and practical knowledge, Wilma Mankiller, former principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, is working to help people judge women in politics by their abilities and not by gender.

As this year's keynote speaker for the 10th annual Helen S. Boylan Symposium, Mankiller told of her climb into the ranks of Cherokee politics.

Each year the Boylan Symposium brings in a prominent female speaker as a way to educate

the public on the role of women in society.

Dr. Richard Miller, head of the social science department, said these symposiums are of great importance to the education of Missouri Southern's students.

“This really is critical for two reasons,” he said. “One, it illustrates the role women play politically, socially, and economically in our society. And in the case of Mankiller, it shows this even within subcultural groups. Second, in this area there is a very conservative approach and we try to make them (students)



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Wilma Mankiller recently received the Presidential award of Freedom.

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CAREER SERVICES

Careers await grads

Southern shows high graduate success

By SUSIE FRISBIE
ARTS EDITOR

It can make any Missouri Southern senior's best dream or worst nightmare — graduation.

However, students who feel less than ready for the big day because of job search apprehension can breathe a little easier due to low nationwide unemployment rates and the services offered through the career services office.

“The national average right now is about 4.3 percent, but there are some parts of the country where the unemployment rate is about 1.75 percent,” said Jennifer Yazell, director of career services. “Everybody who wants to work is working.”

According to Yazell, computer science majors along with teachers, nurses, and accountants are among the greatest in demand by employers. Yazell believes students who don't fall within these majors should not be

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Nowhere to Hyde



Meredith Hyde, senior outside hitter, is learning to accept her role as team leader, captain... Page 12

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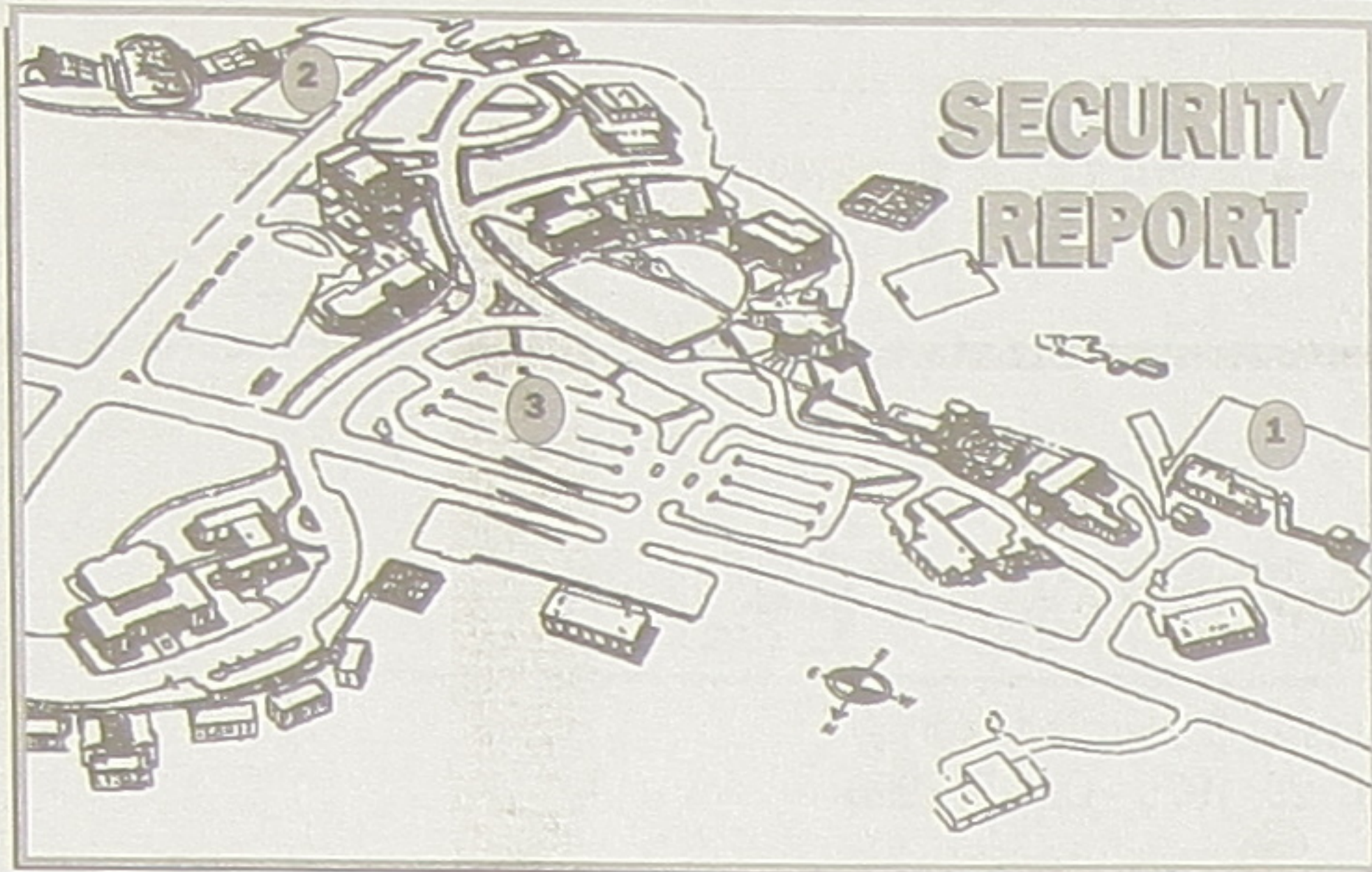
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SECURITY REPORT

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| 1 | 10/02/98 | Lot #434 | 11 a.m. | Junior general business major Amy Yates reported her father's blue Chevrolet truck had been broken into. The passenger-side window was broken out of the truck and Yates reported a CD player and purse had been stolen from the vehicle. |
| 2 | 10/03/98 | Lot # 17 | 6:30 p.m. | Security was contacted concerning four individuals at the north end of the football stadium. One individual was suspected of drinking alcohol, and all were advised to leave campus. A Joplin Police escort was requested. Craig E. Marshall was arrested for an outstanding warrant and Patrick E. Jones was charged with trespassing and resisting arrest. |
| 3 | 10/06/98 | Lot # 39 | 12 p.m. | Senior elementary education major Heidi Hathcock reported a blue floral skirt and blouse, gift bag, Kappa Delta Pi President's pin, and several personal products had been taken from her Oldsmobile Cutlass. |

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ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Discovery Days begin

High school students, parents take closer look at College life

By GINNY DUMOND
MANAGING EDITOR

Though Missouri Southern may only be approaching fall semester mid-terms, area high school seniors will be visiting the campus to make a decision about the fall of 1999.

Saturday's Discovery Day begins with registration at 1:30 p.m. and includes a tailgate party at 6 p.m. and the football game against Central Missouri State at 7 p.m.

"The idea is that a prospective student and their parents will spend almost the entire day with us," said Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services.

While the Southern admissions office conducts tours year-round, Discovery Day is important because it offers more personal information for families.

After a welcome from College President Julio Leon, students and their parents will take a campus tour before moving into "breakout sessions" that cover various aspects of college life.

"It tells them exactly what kind of services are offered here and about relationships between stu-

dents and faculty," Skaggs said. "They're information-providing sessions."

Susan Craig, counselor, is leading a break-out session on the freshman year experience.

"It's an opportunity for Southern to put its best foot forward and give parents an option to feel comfortable that we're going to treat their student as an individual," she said.

The importance of parents in the day is emphasized by Skaggs as well.

"It's not just what the students can expect, but also what parents should expect, too," he said.

Later in the day, students will have an opportunity to meet with Southern's student ambassadors and talk with faculty from their prospective departments.

"They actually sit down with a faculty member or department head and learn about the curriculum," Skaggs said.

Skaggs says another important aspect of campus tours is getting a hands-on look at labs, computer equipment, and athletic facilities.

"They not only get to hear about what curriculum may be involved, but they'll also get to tour the facilities," he said. "We want to get as much information in as possible about what college is best for them."

Additional Discovery Days are planned for Nov. 13, Feb. 15, and April 2. □

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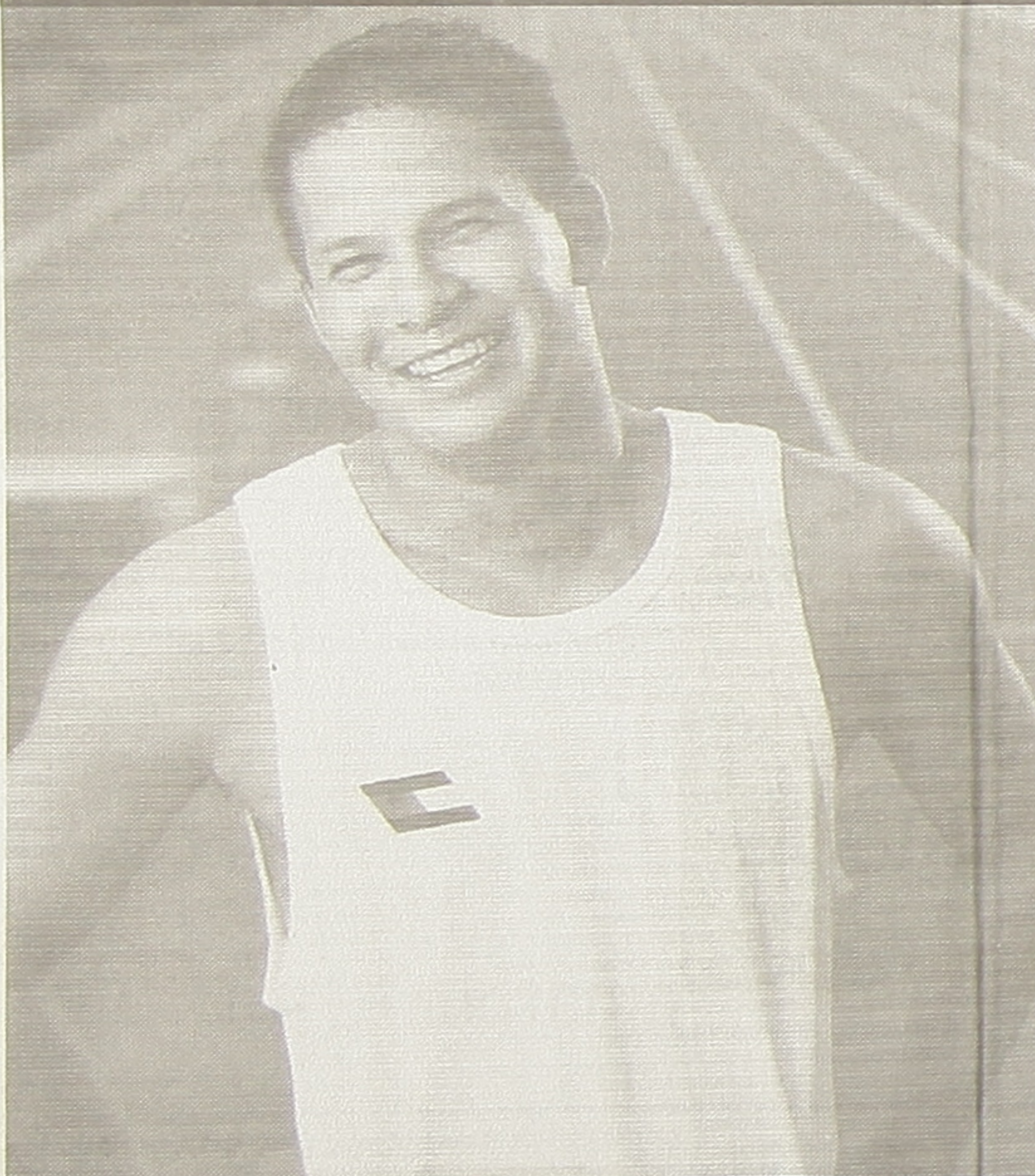
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STUDENT SENATE

Senators defend self-allocation

By JEFF WELLS
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Following finance committee recommendations, the Student Senate divided \$2,800 among three student organizations Wednesday. The allocations leave \$7,600 in the treasury.

The Collegiate Middle Level Association requested \$1,000 to offset costs to attend its national conference in Denver. The Missouri Southern chapter is acting as host for this year's event.

The Senate appeared more conservative in allocation deliberations.

Senator Nicole Hollenberg defended the finance committee's recommendation, noting that the club's organization of the event provides positive publicity for the College.

The Senate then moved to allocate \$1,000.

Culturally Speaking requested funds to bring in speakers to address diversity and minority concerns. Senator Nick Prewett asked if the group had contacted the Campus Activities Board for funding. Jeff Jamaeldine, speaking for the club, reported that it had sought financial support from the CAB, but since the CAB budget for the semester has already been allocated, it could not provide relief. The CAB has agreed to support Culturally Speaking speeches in the spring.

The club's eligibility to request funds was questioned because of a Senate requirement that clubs be established the semester previous to allocations. President Jesse DeGonia said the group, formerly known as the Black Collegians,

was eligible and had been allocated money in the past.

The Senate followed the finance committee recommendation in granting \$800.

The Psychology Club requested and was granted \$1,000.

The Senate also discussed its Homecoming activities and reaction to last week's allocation of \$100 to itself for expenses in sponsoring its candidates for king and queen. Senate parliamentarian Sandy Fisk said the Senate has allocated itself money in past spring semesters.

Senator Patty Richardson defended the allocation for Homecoming. "All groups get money from their own treasury. I feel that it would be OK," she said during discussion. "We are allowed to, our adviser lets us, our officers for Student Senate are OK with it."

DeGonia told senators to be thick-skinned with those criticizing it.

"I know a lot of people have had problems with what has been written in *The Chart*, and I would just like everyone to remember to let it roll off your back and laugh at a lot of it because it's not important enough to actually worry about. So I wouldn't be concerned with it," DeGonia said.

"If you think about it, every government is going to be harassed by newspapers."

Five senators were absent from proceedings: Brandon Fuhr, Kenny Brown, Vanessa Copeland, Dave Finken, and Heath Ellington.

Next week the Senate will hear allocation requests from the Kinesiology Club, Alpha Psi Omega, and World Issues for Study by Educators. □

SENATE COFFERS

FEB. 11 REQUEST:

■ Collegiate Mid-Level Assoc.

Request: \$1,000

Received: \$1,000

■ Culturally

Speaking

Request: \$800

Received: \$800

■ Psychology Club

Request: \$1,000

Received: \$1,000

CURRENT BALANCE:

\$7,600

Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.

NICK PARKER/The Chart

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

LaDuke exhibit opens at Spiva Art Gallery

Africa Through the Eyes of a Woman Artists, an exhibition of 51 photographs and nine works of art from the collection of Betty LaDuke, opens Oct. 19 in the Spiva Art Gallery of Missouri Southern.

An opening reception will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19 in the Southern gallery. Admission is free.

The exhibition continues through Nov. 6. It focuses on traditional and modern women's contemporary art expressions and establishes a link between African and women artists of the diaspora in Jamaica and the United States. The artists selected for this exhibition are from Kenya, Nigeria, Cote D'Ivoire, Mali, and Cameroon.

Their media vary from monumental sculptural forms to acrylic and mud cloth painting, batiks, utilitarian and ritual pottery, and beaded wood sculptures. Also included are color photographs showing the artists in their working environments with written commentary derived from the book *Africa Through the Eyes of Women Artists*.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Institute of International Studies. □

Differing world national anthems airing on KXMS

The international mission of Missouri Southern has prompted a unique new program offering on 88.7 KXMS/Fine Arts Radio International.

Beginning Monday, KXMS will feature a different national anthem every weekday at 12:02 p.m., immediately following *Earth & Sky*.

The radio station has amassed more than 200 world anthems represented in three collections: the Bratislava Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Millar Brass Ensemble, and the Coldstream Guards Regimental Band. The Slovak ensemble, represented in six volumes, is the most comprehensive.

Beginning with Acadia and concluding with Zimbabwe, the radio series will extend well into 1999. A brief summary of interesting facts about each country will follow the presentation of each noon-hour anthem. □

Lions football team forfeits 1997 wins

The Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association infractions committee met Sept. 29 and ruled on Missouri Southern's self-reported violation in the sport of football involving an ineligible player.

The session took place as part of the MIAA's annual fall meetings. The committee decided that Southern must forfeit all seven football victories earned in the 1997 season and pay a fine of \$500 for allowing a football student-athlete to compete while in violation of NCAA satisfactory progress requirements.

As soon as the violation was discovered, Southern informed the MIAA and the seven schools which suffered losses to the Lion football squad.

The on-field results will not be changed in the MIAA or NCAA record books, except for the addition of an asterisk and a footnote, stating that Southern later forfeited games for use of an ineligible player.

This is in accordance to NCAA regulations, which state the outcome of games cannot be reversed due to postgame administrative actions, but those forfeits must be noted.

Conference policy requires this matter be forwarded to the NCAA committee on infractions. According to commissioner Ralph McFillen, the MIAA will recommend to the committee that no further action be taken on the incident. □

MAINTENANCE

Outdated gear gets pitched College can make

By BRIN CAVAN
AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR

When it's time to toss outdated equipment at Missouri Southern, an efficient system is in place to get some return on this investment.

The College has a "surplussing" system to sell used items. By the time an item makes it to surplus, it is of little value.

"Most everything we get rid of is pretty well salvage," said Dave Throop, Southern purchasing director.

"It's not just surplus."

"I can't think of anything we've sent out of here that was usable in the form it is in. We salvage it when it costs too much to repair."

He said there are occasions when items are surplus because the equipment is outdated and needs to be replaced by new systems.

Equipment is ultimately sold at state auction, with state statute mandating the procedures for the sale.

The state accepts sealed bids for a full pallet or lot, and the bidder must purchase a whole lot. Articles are sold to the highest bidder, and the state receives a 20 percent commission for conducting the sale.

Companies or individuals may enter bids on lots, and anyone can be put on the mailing list for auctions by contacting Throop.

Carolyn Meyer, fixed asset accounting clerk at Southern, has implemented a better way to handle surplus items.

Before introducing the new system, department heads would call the physical plant directly, and she sometimes received only partial information on the surplus items.

"I think it's going to be really efficient and a good tracking method," Meyer said.

"It will streamline my end of it because they know exactly what information I need." □

CAREER SERVICES



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

(Left) Christy Niemeier of Missouri Lottery explains an internship opportunity to Camie Helms at Missouri Southern Career day.

Employers hit campus for Career Day

By MARLA HINKLE
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Forget socializing. Move away from the keg stand. Mom and pop pay for college so the kids can score a good job. Some students were reminded of that on Wednesday at Missouri Southern's Career Development Day.

More than 75 area and national employers attended the event in the Billingsly Student Center, and 15 career break-out sessions provided students with additional information. While some students were only looking for potential employers, others attended only for graduate school information.

"This is my second year attending Career Day, and I am hoping to get some information on UMKC and SMSU," said Stephanie Ralston, senior criminal justice major. "Last year I just talked to employers, but this time I am just attending the graduate school seminar."

Also seeking information about graduate schools was Deborah Muse, senior English major.

"I think the career fair is pretty good," she said. "This is my third year here, and this time I am just looking to get information on graduate schools."

John LaNear, a former Missouri Southern student, represented Webster University at the Career Development Day. LaNear, Webster's campus director and faculty coordinator, said the St. Louis university has opened a branch in Springfield.

"Hopefully a lot of Southern students will take the opportunity to attend," he said.

"I think Career Day is a wonderful opportunity for employers to not

only meet with potential employees, but to also meet with other exhibitors."

Many of the area businesses were surprised at the early turnout of students.

"This is my first time out to Southern, and I'm enjoying it already," said Barbara Baeurt, Mary Kay sales director.

Julie L. Collins, investment representative for Edward Jones, graduated from Southern in 1995 and found her current job through Career Development Day.

"I was hired by Edward Jones when I attended Career Day and expressed an interest in the company," she said. "Edward Jones has been very successful here at Southern for the past three or four years. A lot of people from Southern are hired by the company."

This Career Day was a first for many businesses such as Sears, who has a high number of students from Southern employed.

"We have quite a few; I would say 20 to 30 students employed at Sears right now," said Kellie Brumback, sales director.

Scott Haar, senior communications major, found a sense of pride in seeing so many businesses attend Southern.

"It's kind of neat to walk around and see how important the College is to these businesses, and it's also important for students to realize their importance in their future," Haar said.

"I was looking in particular at economic-related companies," said Chris Williams, senior economics and finance major. "I think the fair is a great chance to get your foot in the door and meet a lot of people."

"I didn't realize there were so many different jobs you could get in writing," said Ellen Cox, senior general studies major. "I loved all the information I received through the seminars." □

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



Rebecca Kanan

Kanan sets sail from Southern harbor

By MARLA HINKLE
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Having students and colleagues to discuss ideas is just one of the many things Rebecca Spracklen Kanan, associate professor of English, will miss about teaching.

Kanan is leaving at the end of the year for personal reasons. Kanan, a Joplin native, came to Missouri Southern in 1988 after receiving

her bachelor's from the College and her master's from Mississippi State University. She was also a features writer and copy editor for *The Joplin Globe* from 1974-1984.

"I love the exchange of ideas," Kanan said. "I am always gratified when I see the light going on in someone's face."

She likes being able to stand in front of a group and lead them to understanding.

"Teaching keeps me on my toes,

and I have to be very sure that what I am teaching is current and correct," she said.

After 10 years of teaching College Composition I, College Composition II, and various other English courses, her Renaissance Prose and Poetry course remains her favorite. Kanan believes being an English instructor requires a vast amount of knowledge.

"You have to be a complete scholar in the key areas of humanities,

science, history, people, and culture," she said. "Whether you are talking about the written work or recorded, all of these areas are implemented into the curriculum."

"I will miss her liveliness, her puns, and her bright spirit," said Dr. Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English.

"I have two words for what I will miss about her," said George Greenlee, associate professor of English. "Her class." □

OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

What's in a name change?

In the ongoing debate surrounding the possible addition of "university" to Missouri Southern's name, a clear-cut definition of the exact qualifications of a university seem to be divided into two schools of thought.

Opposition to the name change seems to be based upon a concise definition of a university as a broad-reaching institution offering undergraduate and graduate courses. Opposing Southern's university status based on such a definition would seem valid. Southern offers no graduate courses.

But that's not the only definition.

In the vastly shifting realm of higher education, the stringent definition of university status is becoming blurred. Many "universities" across the nation, in fact, offer no graduate degrees.

Does this make their names false advertising?

Many instructors on these campuses would beg to differ.

Across the state of Missouri, efforts are under way to add university to the names of such colleges as Missouri Western and Park College.

Many others have already done so.

Evangel College in Springfield is one of several institutions already taking the "university plunge." Likewise, Lindenwood and William Woods are now "universities." Southwest Baptist made the name change years ago.

Many of these institutions offer no graduate programs of their own. And all have smaller enrollments than Southern.

Surely these institutions are not engaging in fraudulent activities designed to mislead students?

The debate over what a university's duties should be is not a new one.

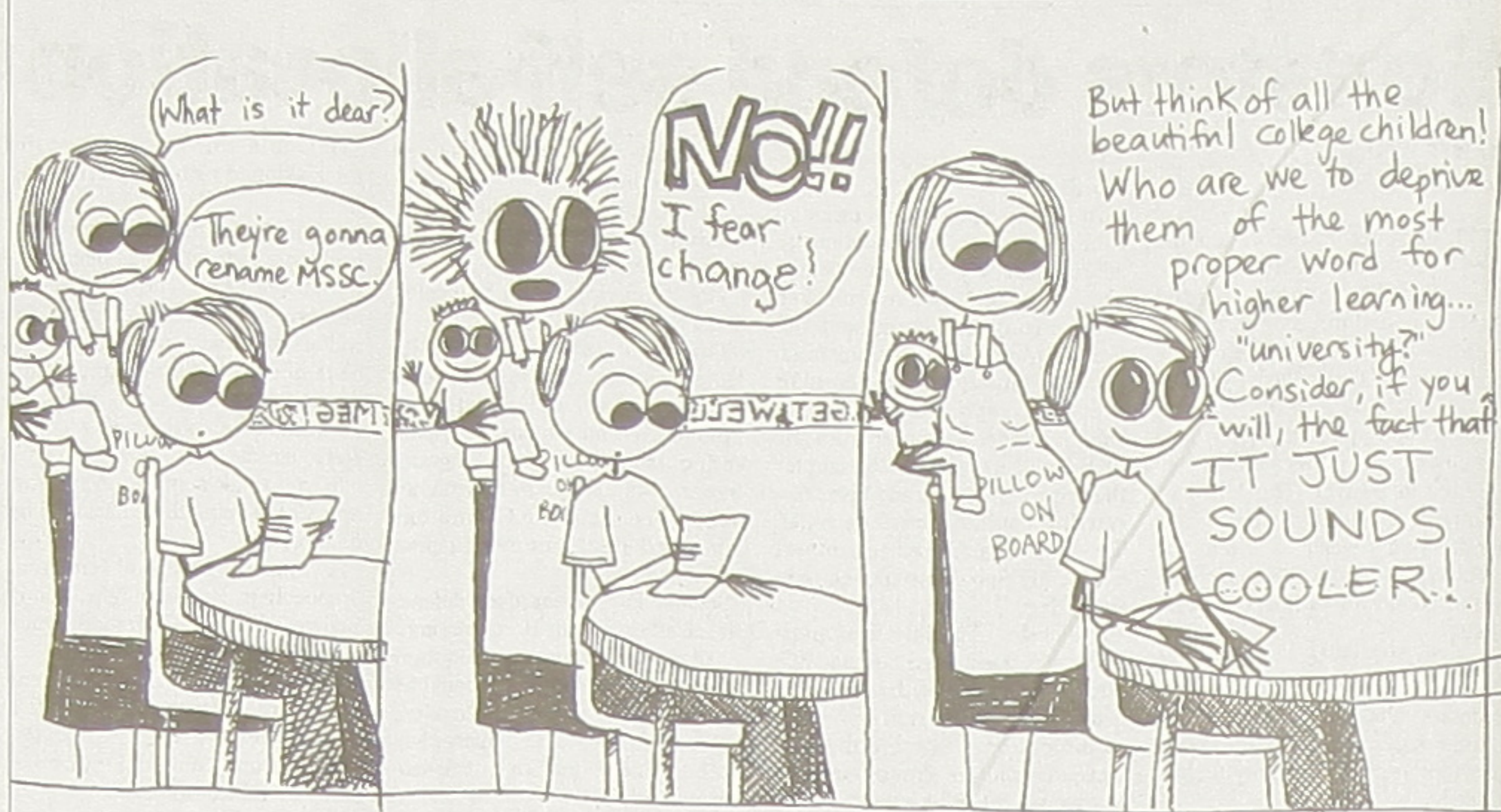
John Henry Newman, the 19th century rector of the new Catholic university in Dublin, defined a university as "a place where inquiry is pushed forward, and discoveries verified and perfected, and rashness rendered innocuous, and error exposed, by the collision of mind with mind, and knowledge with knowledge."

Before a clear-cut choice of action can be taken, administrators and those involved have realized that a common definition of what a university is indebted to provide must be established.

The administration at Southern is confident the College meets this criteria. The Coordinating Board for Higher Education is confident it knows the criteria.

In December, we will see which side of the widening definition chasm they stand. □

ANDREA'S ANGLE



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Campaign would make a nifty gameshow

Not so recent White House philanderings have stolen the public spotlight from a perfectly nasty U.S. Senate race.

GOP Sen. Christopher Bond and Missouri

Attorney General Jay Nixon are embedded in a campaign dirt-fighting far more comical than critical, but with prime time potential that is squandered amid a more photogenic Capitol Hill fish-frying. The two have worsened their appeal with some ill-advised pot shots proven to be inaccurate, inarticulate, or downright shameless.

Nixon has taken repeated jabs at Bond's record as governor, claiming the senator is soft on crime, that he commuted sentences against hardened murderers who immediately returned

to their predestined homicidal courses. But his crack research team has proven they couldn't dig up dirt on a politician if they held controlling stock in a back hoe company.

And Bond has dutifully returned the favor. Squandering his chance to appear noble, Bond quoted an editorial from *The Columbia Tribune* that said Nixon "would disembowel his own grandmother for a headline."

But editors of the paper say the quote was taken out of context and the editorial was actually in favor of Nixon.

Both politicians have proven they are incapable of carrying on a simple smear campaign. Perhaps the rules of engagement should be more narrowly defined.

To regain the sound-bite attention spans of the voters, an entertainment forum should determine the outcome of the election rather than a public one.

If any hope of regaining the public's interest exists, Bond, Nixon, and Libertarian hopeful

Tamara Millay should square off in a game show format.

It could be called Political Jeopardy.

Alex Trabeck would play host and keep the contenders from firing half-cocked contentions.

The event would afford all three the chance to air each other's dirty laundry without the benefit of confabulation or trickery, because Alex would know the correct answers.

"Kit, you're the incumbent, so you select first." "Alex, I'll take politicians' private lives for \$100."

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The people don't want leaders, they want entertainers.

And the ratings would be better than the troop's current series of political pseudo-debates.

Most importantly, politics would be entertainment.

Some would argue it already is.

But now it would have commercial breaks. □



Aaron Deslatte
Executive Editor

IN PERSPECTIVE

Freshmen windpipes should be sneaker-free

Each year, a new group of students arrives at Missouri Southern with little experience in dealing with fellow college students and professors. At this early critical time, inexperienced students will frequently put their feet in their mouths by saying something inappropriate or by saying an appropriate idea in an inappropriate way.

I have drawn upon the wisdom of a few of my colleagues to compile a list of suggestions that might help inexperienced college students avoid appearing foolish or arrogant. Here are my Top 10 ways of keeping your foot out of your mouth at Southern.

•No. 10: Never say to your professor, "I missed class yesterday. Did you do anything important?" We know you don't think that days may go by where nothing of importance is done or said, but this sounds as if you think this is true. Each of us usually spends much more time preparing each lecture than students ever imagine. If you say, "Did you say anything important?" we might conclude that you couldn't perceive the subtle concepts that we have prepared for you in the past. It would be much better to say "I missed class yesterday. How can I get the information I missed?"

•No. 9: Never say to fellow students or a professor: "How did you end up here?" Most of us are here because we have lived in many parts of this country and even in other parts of the world and have chosen to live in Joplin and to be at Southern. To say "How did you end up here?" precludes the concept of choosing to be here. It also could make us think that the one asking the question might be too narrow to appreciate

the people and places around us. It would be much better to say, "What brought you here to Southern?"

•No. 8: After an assignment or test has been returned, never say to a fellow student, "What did you get?" This is a private matter, and if they are on either end of the grade distribution, telling this information could be embarrassing. It would be much better if you said, "What did you think of the test?"

•No. 7: Never say, "There is nothing in the library on that subject." This labels you as foolish, and maybe even lazy. It would be much better to state the truth and say, "I do not know how to find anything on that subject in the library. Would you give me some suggestions or help?"

•No. 6: When discussing a test with a professor, never say, "You didn't ask any questions on the material I studied." Most of our exams cover the majority of material presented in the readings and in lecture. To give such a precise description of how little you studied might shed some light on the heart of the problem, but it will not help your image in the minds of your fellow students or the professor.

•No. 5: Never say, "You didn't say we should do that" before reading all of the instructions that have been given to you concerning an assignment. If you make a mistake because you have not read instructions, don't mention it because you will emit that whiff of illiteracy that we all find so distasteful. It is best to get into the habit of reading all of the instructions and procedures before starting an assignment. You will be much more efficient and have the appearance of intelligence.

•No. 4: Never say, "I don't believe that, I don't want to believe that, and nothing you say will ever change my mind." Your fellow students and professors will give up on you and assume that with this attitude, even Jesus, Aristotle, or

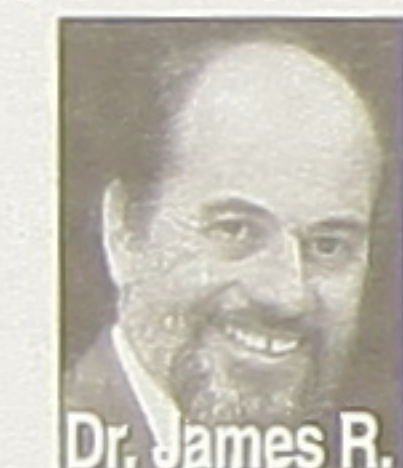
Einstein could not enlighten you so why should they try. It would be better to let your convictions be put to the test. You should really try to understand the most objectionable ideas in order that you can be sure of your own. You could tell your professor that you are having a hard time understanding why this new idea is supported, and ask him to explain it in a way that is more consistent with the way you look at the world.

•No. 3: If you have a paper returned with a lot of suggestions for major revisions, never say "I don't deserve this, I am a good writer! My high school teacher gave me all A's and said I was a good writer!" Your high school teacher and your college professor are both probably correct. You are a great high school writer and a clumsy college writer. This is true with all life skills. You are never at a point where constructive criticism can not greatly improve the product you are producing. It would be better to say nothing and be grateful for the suggestions, about how you can express yourself in a clearer way.

•No. 2: It is not a good idea to say, "Are you going to keep us the whole time?" This question implies that you think this college class is an obligatory drudgery rather than a meaningful experience.

When finishing a unit with two or three minutes left over, we professors will frequently dismiss the class early. However, if someone has asked this question before class, we have been known to stretch the lecture out to irritate those with the negative attitude. Rather than asking, "Are you going to keep us the whole time?" don't go to class at all. Perhaps you will have a more productive frame of mind the next time you go to class.

•The No. 1 way of keeping your foot out of your mouth at Southern is never say, "Do we have to sit in our assigned seats?" □



Dr. James R. Jackson
Professor of Biology

YOUR LETTERS

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Simon's argument defeats itself

Donnie Simon in his letter of Sept. 25, 1998, criticizing MSSC's name change, actually included information why MSSC should be a university. He stated "if every little school started calling itself a university, how good would it look then?"

The problem is that too many "little schools" much smaller and offering far less than MSSC

already have become "universities." This established trend (whether rational or not) necessitates our change of status. Otherwise, we are that "little school."

MSSC deserves recognition as a university.

Dr. Ann Marlowe
Professor of English

Ritter had wrong date

In referring to Cale Ritter's column about the German Autobahns, they are infamously from World War II, and they were set up to be used to ferry war materials very quickly and to double as runways for airplanes.

When Eisenhower became president, he copied this German

invention and started building them in the U.S. They are not from the 1970s. And it is said that they are the only positive thing that the Nazis brought to the world.

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Officers campaign against road rage

Are you aggressive?

Do you always, often, sometimes, or never:

1. Get angry at other drivers?
2. Get impatient at stoplights?
3. Get impatient waiting for a parking space?
4. Compete with other drivers?
5. Race with other drivers?
6. Find yourself "punishing" other drivers because they are bad drivers?
7. Make obscene gestures?
8. Block cars trying to pass?
9. Brake suddenly to punish a tailgater?
10. Find yourself seeking out a personal encounter with a bad driver?

Scoring: Give yourself 3 points for every always, 2 for often, 1 for sometimes and no points for never.
Over 13 points indicates a high level of hostility.

Based on a driver stress test developed by Dr. John Larson.

By ELIZABETH SCHURMAN
STAFF WRITER

Becoming angry, impatient, and irritated with other drivers may be classified as road rage.

Road rage has increasingly become a problem both locally and nationally.

In conjunction with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), the Missouri Highway Patrol led a campaign for three days in Jasper, Newton, and McDonald counties to cut down on aggressive driving.

The Aggressive Driving Awareness Campaign ran Sept. 21-23. Troopers issued a total of 105 tickets for violations ranging from following too closely to passing on the shoulder.

Linda Stein, district public affairs manager, said MoDOT is wanting to run the campaign several times a year.

"The purpose of the campaign is to increase public awareness of unlawful driving behaviors that often lead to accidents and road rage," she said.

In Joplin, police officials believe road

rage is worse around Christmas and on Range Line Road. Joplin police receive annual funds from the Department of Public Safety to target violations on Range Line Road because of the high risk for accidents.

"I think you get most of the road rage during rush hour," said Sgt. Ken Kennedy. "People get frustrated with congestion and follow too closely because someone is going too slow. It really picks up around Christmas, especially at the mall and on Range Line."

Here are a few questions to identify road rage: Do you have a spouse or friend that tells you to calm down? Do you get impatient when the car ahead of you slows down? Do you compete with other drivers on the road? Do you make obscene gestures? Do you brake suddenly to punish a tailgater?

Many people experience road rage, whether they are initiating it or are the victim of it. Brandon Horine, a freshman at Missouri Southern, was a victim of road rage. He had accidentally cut off a man on the way to pick up a friend, and the man

followed him to his friend's house.

"The man was extremely angry with me," he said. "When I got to my friend's house, the man got out of his truck and came up to my window. He yelled at me to get out because he was going to run me and my friends over several times with his van."

There are many tips on how to stay safe on the road. The AAA Auto Club of Missouri recommends to always use turn signals when changing lanes, allow a two-second space between one's car and the car ahead, avoid making any gestures that might anger other drivers, avoid eye contact, and forget about winning when driving. When stopped at lights or in traffic jams, especially at night, make sure all car doors are locked.

Aggressive driving, or road rage, is something people should take seriously. According to a poll by EPIC/M-R-A of Lansing, Mich., in 1996 aggressive driving was a factor in up to two-thirds of highway deaths. The most dangerous situations are when one driver instigates and one retaliates. □

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Astronaut speaks to Joplin space-related industries

Former Missouri Southern student and astronaut Janet Kavandi returned to the Joplin area Monday to speak to local businesses involved in the space program.

She spoke to employees of LaBarge, Inc., and met with workers at Eagle-Picher Technologies.

In June, Kavandi sailed above the earth in a mission aboard the space shuttle Discovery.

LaBarge produces cables used by the shuttle's solid rocket boosters. Eagle-Picher produces batteries for the program. □

Council narrows site list for proposed water park

Missouri Southern may have a new neighbor if a site on Duquesne Road is selected for Joplin's proposed water park.

The City Council narrowed the list of potential sites for the park from eight to three Monday night.

The other possible sites are Schifferdecker Park and Highway 71 at I-44. If located in Schifferdecker, the water park would be south of the north tennis courts near the 18-hole golf course. Highway 71 at I-44 is near a growing business area including Cracker Barrel Old Country Store and Microtel Inn. The final choice for the park must be made by the end of the year for the project to stay on the current timetable for opening. □

Hospital offers fair to increase cancer awareness

Freeman Health System's Women's Lifecare Pavilion is holding its second annual Breast Care Expo now through next Friday. The expo will be open to the public Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The free annual event is designed to provide breast care education and information to women of the four-state area.

Women and their families are encouraged to attend the Breast Care Expo at their convenience. Registration is not required.

The walk-through displays are set up in the waiting area of the Women's Lifecare Pavilion, located at the Freeman East Specialty Hospital, 932 E. 34th St. □

SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS

Fall festivals attract visitors to area cities

By CASSIE HOMBS
STAFF WRITER

Almost every weekend, the surrounding communities of Joplin take turns entertaining the area with fall festivals.

The festivals begin with Webb City's Mining Days the weekend after Labor Day and finish with Neewollah, a festival held in Independence, Kan., every year on Halloween weekend.

"Fall festivals are a good thing for communities," said Tammy Pease, coordinator for Neosho's fall festival.

Area festivals are not limited to people in the community. These festivals aim at bringing in tourists as well as locals who enjoy a variety of things like live entertainment, parades, arts and crafts booths, and carnival rides.

The population at these events is high, and it continues to rise annually. The Tulsa State Fair expects hundreds of thousands of festival goers every year. However, smaller towns closer to home have fewer in attendance. Mining Days in Webb City pulls in about 5,000 spectators.

Many festivals try to cut costs as much as possible. Most are organized

by a group of volunteers.

Many artists have to pay a rental fee for booths, and many festivals are sponsored by larger organizations, such as the Missouri Arts Council. Though cities like Tulsa make a large profit from festivals, smaller communities generally just break even.

Along with Kiwanis members, Joplin Key Club members and Missouri Southern baseball players helped in distributing the peanuts.

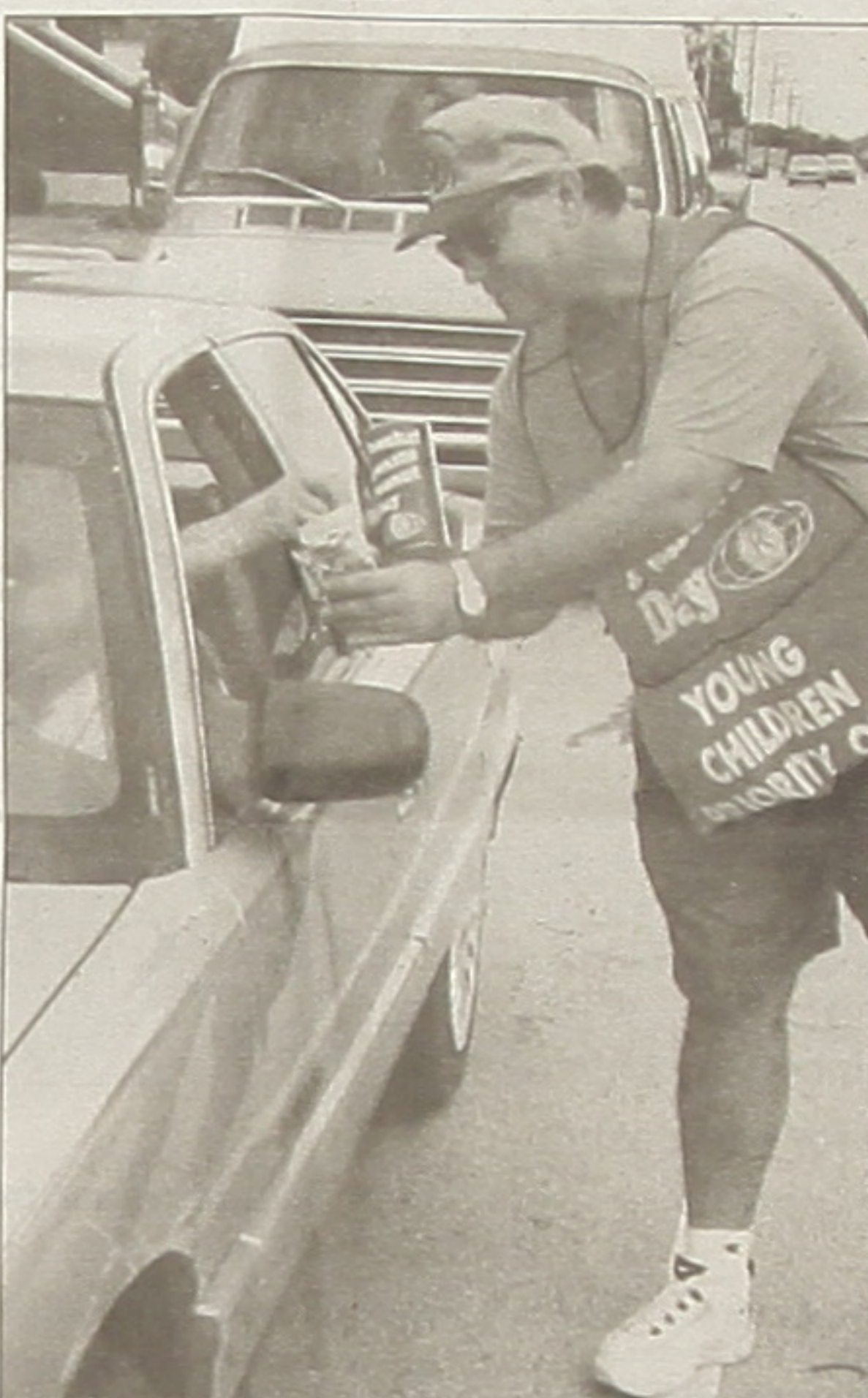
Nina Eads, executive director of the Neosho Chamber of Commerce, agrees. "Even if the festivals aren't big money makers, they still have a major effect on the economy," she said.

"They can bring in lots of dollars. Tourists fill our motel rooms, convenience stores, and are in and out of our fast food restaurants. It still brings money into our town."

By having a large event, these cities can earn more than money. They gain exposure, and people will remember the towns they visited.

"People might remember what a nice park we had or how hospitable our town was when they visited," Eads said. "In turn, that may cause them to come back and visit us again." □

HEY PEANUT MAN



Dan Brothers distributes peanuts to traffic at 20th and Main St. in Joplin on Saturday. Brothers was taking part in the Kiwanis Club Peanut Days fund-raiser. The KIDS Day, a Halloween program held at Northpark Mall, will also be supported through Kiwanis fund-raising efforts. Along with Kiwanis members, Joplin Key Club members and Missouri Southern baseball players helped in distributing the peanuts.

JEFF WELLS/The Chart

JOBS: Southern places more than 90 percent of grads within chosen field

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discouraged.

"I really believe there is no major on this campus that a student could major in and not be successful," she said. "Some people just have to work harder in their job search than others. If you're a computer science major, you're going to have people beating down your door, but if you're an English major you have to work harder at your job search, but there are definitely jobs out there."

The Success Report of 1996-97 Missouri Southern Graduates

proves Yazell's theory. In that academic year, 96.9 percent with business degrees found employment or continued their education. For those with technology degrees, the number dropped just slightly to 94.5 percent, while those with liberal arts degrees tallied 94.7 percent. Finally, education majors had the highest success rate with 98.4 percent.

For Dr. Michael Horvath, dean of the school of education, the 98.4 percent placement rate is no surprise.

"Basically we place everybody in our program, partly because of the quality of our program," he said.

Horvath also believes teacher placement has been so successful because of a shortage in the field particularly in the areas of special education, science, and math.

December is not always an ideal graduation date for education majors because of the lower numbers of turnover midway through the year. However, Horvath believes this trend may change this year.

"There is a looming placement shortage," he said. "The outlook looks bright this January for students to receive full-time substitution or permanent jobs."

Whether December graduation

lies ahead or a spring date in May, Yazell believes it's never too early to start utilizing the services her office provides, which include anything from résumé referrals to mock interviews to the Career Development Day held Wednesday.

"About 50 to 60 percent of our students use our services, but that's not enough," she said. "It should be 90 to 95 percent."

Yazell believes before the job search begins, students need to possess a few key elements including a solid résumé, appropriate wardrobe, and good interviewing skills. □

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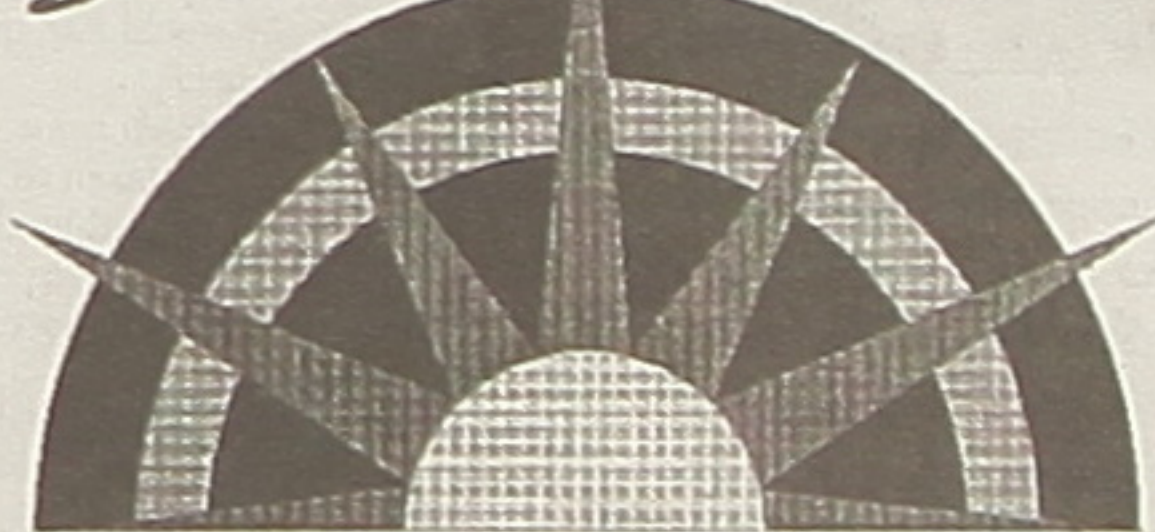
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Saturday 10

Southern Discovery Day, for high school seniors

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Football vs. Central Missouri State University

Tuesday 13

7 a.m.—

Homecoming elections, BSC, Lions' Den

7:30 p.m.—

International Film: I Vitelloni (The Young and the Passionate) (Italy, 1953), Matthews Hall auditorium

Wednesday 14

Noon—

CAB Meeting, BSC, Room 310

7:30 p.m.—

Southern Theatre Production, Agatha Christie's "Mouse-trap" through Oct. 17th. For reservations, call 3190

SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Program accents health care alliance

By JO BETH HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

Missouri Southern's Nursing Honor Society will be holding its annual fall program Monday in the Keystone Room of the Billingsly Student Center.

Interdisciplinary collaboration in health care is the theme for this year's event. Collaboration is critical in the medical field, and especially among nurses, explained Dr. Barbara Box, director of nursing.

"Collaboration is a term we all think we

understand, but it has different meanings for everyone," she said.

Because there is no one meaning for nurses to adhere to, there can be confusion in the approach.

This is, however, starting to change, and collaboration between nurses of different fields is rising.

"We try to have 'hot topics' as the theme each year for our fall program, and we consider this to be a hot topic today," Box said.

Toni J. Sullivan, professor and dean of the Sinclair School of Nursing at the University of Missouri-Columbia, is one of the leaders

in this collaboration crusade. She recently published the book *Collaboration: A Health Care Imperative* to aid in this.

Sullivan is the main speaker of the event, followed by Kody Berlin, Southern student nurse, and professional nurses from various agencies around Joplin.

These nurses have all had experience working in different fields of nursing, including Berlin, who spent eight weeks in Kenya last summer.

While living in a village a few hours away from Nairobi, Berlin worked with doctors in the village clinic and went to surrounding vil-

lages giving immunizations. She will do a presentation, including slides, at the program.

Participants who attend the entire program will be eligible to receive two contact hours from Freeman Hospitals and Health System applied towards their continuing education in nursing.

Freeman is an approved provider of continuing education in nursing by the Missouri Nurses Association.

"Freeman has been very helpful to us in that part of continuing education in offering the contact hours," Box said. □

CONTINUING EDUCATION

“We do everything from designing beds to looking at slides”



Carla Parrill (left), whose continuing education courses include everything from perennial gardening to building a garden pond, feeds the goldfish at Ozark Nursery while her class watches.

Course grows floral rewards

Perennial gardening class shows proper technique for bed design

By JEFF BILLINGTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

If a little help is needed to keep that green thumb in shape, perhaps a perennials class is in order.

Carla Parrill, instructor of Missouri Southern's continuing education perennial class, said this is just one of the courses she teaches.

"I teach at least three; one is how to design a perennial flower bed, and it's a three-night class," she said. "Then I also teach one how to design a pond and install a pond, and that's a two-night class. Then we have one on attracting the friendly visitor. We've done different classes in the past, but these seem to be the most popular."

Parrill said she would like to continue to expand her courses in these fields.

"I'm trying to develop some different classes because people say, 'Well, I've taken all these classes,'" she said.

Parrill originally started teaching the course seven or eight years ago in a Southern classroom, but for reasons of convenience it has since moved to her place of business, Ozark Nursery.

"I started out at the College doing it, but the parking is so much better here at night for my students, and I don't have to drag everything in," she said.

Parrill said the students who take her classes come from all walks of life.

"There's always one or two who are young and married, usually their first house," she said. "There's always two or three or four who are retired and then everything in between."

"Sometimes they are beginners. I've had everything from rank beginners, who haven't even planted anything, to pretty sophisticated gardeners who want to do better with their perennial beds."

Parrill said many people who enroll take more than one of the offered classes or had heard about the class from a friend.

"A lot of them will say, 'So and so took this class and they really enjoyed it,'" she said. "Particularly the perennial class, that's the most popular. It's a fun class. We do everything from designing beds to looking at slides of perennial beds, and we go out into the greenhouse and propagate perennials."

Parrill believes there are only two real inconveniences with holding the class at Ozark Nursery.

"A disadvantage is the heat and cold," she said, "It's a little hotter in the summer and a little cooler in the winter."

Parrill said another inconvenience of having the class at Ozark Nursery is the resident cat Nuisance, who has been known to make an appearance from time to time while she has been teaching class.

"She comes in and we'll have to throw her out," she

“I've had everything from rank beginners, who haven't even planted anything, to pretty sophisticated gardeners who want to do better with their personal beds.”

Carla Parrill
Continuing education instructor

said. "Every once and a while someone's allergic or she'll go up one of the lady's dresses. She's just a real pain."

Parrill said from time to time she has not only Southern students in class but also faculty and staff members take the course.

"I had [Dr.] Jim Jackson (professor of biology), who teaches propagation for real, take it, but always pleasant and always a gentleman. He didn't say, 'Oh no, you nit wit, you're doing it wrong.' He just went along with the flow."

Parrill believes just like any average on campus college class, the personable atmosphere in hers always starts off a little slowly.

"On the first night, everybody is real quiet; a lot of them come with a friend," she said. "But just like any college class, by the next time they're old hands and old friends talking about each other's gardens."

Parrill said besides the enjoyment she gets from being able to teach these classes on gardening, there are other rewards.

"Invariably my students come back to buy the perennials from me, so it's economical and I enjoy it," she said.

Dr. Jerry Williams, director of continuing education, said it is important to offer classes similar to this one.

"It helps to serve our mission of providing education in a lifelong learning nature to citizens within the area, whether they be of an academic nature or an educational nature," he said.

"Secondly, I think it benefits the College that some individuals who would not normally have associations with the College do become associated with the College through these types of courses or activities. So it increases the awareness of the College within the community."

"Third, I think that it also offers a dimension of education such as within the area of horticulture that we don't normally have here on campus, yet we may have not only non-traditional students off campus but students on campus who have an interest in that area and this provides an outlet for that interest." □

FORENSICS SQUAD

Debate triumphs in last two meets

Squad continues prosperous streak

By JANA BLANKENSHIP
STAFF WRITER

It was literally a spur-of-the moment idea for Robert Dempsey, senior general studies major, to transfer from the University of Missouri-St. Louis to Missouri Southern. He was at the American Forensics Association nationals when he met Curt Gilstrap, Southern's director of forensics. Dempsey said the two hung out all day and then e-mailed each other. Gilstrap was interested in Dempsey coming to Southern to do speech and debate.

Four or five days after the chance meeting, Dempsey loaded up and moved to Joplin.

"Forensics, for me, has been an outlet for me to express many things," he said. "I like doing it, but I like doing it well. I'm kind of a perfectionist when it comes to my performance style."

Some of the biggest benefits, he said, are that it teaches good communication and social skills.

Dempsey is involved in such activities as after-dinner speaking, which is an eight- to 10-minute comical speech that makes a point.

"My goal is to have laughs at least every 30 seconds," he said.

He also does poetry and programs of oral interpretation.

"We have a good time," Gilstrap said. "It's educational. It allows you to apply information to real-life situations."

The biggest benefit is it allows students to look at what's happening, not just in the United States and the classroom, but in international affairs.

"I consider us intellectual or mental athletes," Gilstrap said.

He said many of the forensics squad members are communications or political science majors.

"The most important thing is that we achieve success and we've already achieved that on a national level," Gilstrap said. "I think we're on the right track."

Someone else who agrees they're on the right track is Tad Stricker, sophomore political science major.

Stricker participates in parliamentary debate, which consists of a team of two against two. Each team draws a topic and is given 15 minutes to write a debate for or against the chosen topic.

"I like the fact that it teaches you good interactive skills and networking," he said. "It makes you reconsider things you know."

Stricker has participated in speech and debate activities since his freshman year in high school.

"I also like the fact that it teaches you good communication and analytical skills," he said.

The Southern speech and debate team traveled to Wichita, Kan., Sept. 25-27 for the Bethel/Kansas State Speech and Debate tournaments.

The parliamentary debate teams of Stricker and Steve Doubledee and Tim Parish and Jason Harrington both advanced to quarterfinals. In individual events, John Shadwick took sixth place in extemporaneous speaking, and Stricker was seventh.

Dempsey took second in after-dinner speaking, third in oral interpretation, and first in the pentathlon. Students must compete in five events to be eligible for this award.

In the second half of the tournament, Dempsey placed second in after-dinner speaking and fourth in poetry.

The speech and debate team traveled to Omaha, Neb., Oct. 1-4 for the Creighton/Concordia Speech and Debate tournament, where the parliamentary debate team of Stricker and Doubledee advanced to quarterfinals.

In individual events, Shadwick broke to semifinals in impromptu speaking and Desiree Peterson broke to semifinals in prose interpretation.

Dempsey took first place in after-dinner speaking, fourth in oral interpretation, second in poetry interpretation, second in dramatic dialogue interpretation, and second in the quadrathlon. Students must compete in four events to be eligible for this award.

In the second half of the tournament, Shadwick placed sixth in extemporaneous speaking, and Peterson placed third in poetry interpretation.

Dempsey placed fourth in oral interpretation, fifth in poetry interpretation, and first in dramatic dialogue interpretation. He won an overall award for both of the tournaments by placing in the quadrathlon at both tournaments. □

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Robert Dempsey
Senior squad member

Murder mystery set for Southern stage



James Jordan, freshman theatre major, Stephanie Belt, freshman theatre education major, and Eran Olsen, freshman secondary education major, rehearse for Agatha Christie's *Mousetrap*.

By SCOTT MEEKER
STAFF WRITER

A secluded inn, a raging snowstorm, and a murderer on the loose. No, it's not the latest offering from Stephen King, but the set-up for Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, a celebrated murder mystery being brought to life next week by Southern Theatre.

Although it will have only a four-day run at Missouri Southern, the play holds a record in the history of theatre.

"It's the world's longest-running play," said Gerrie-Ellen Johnston, adjunct theatre instructor and director of the production. "It's still running in London and has been since 1952."

Set in England, the play focuses on eight strangers who are taking refuge from the storm. A murder has taken place in London, and one among them is the culprit. Cut off from the rest of the world, they must solve the mystery and catch the killer. But it won't be easy.

"The major theme of the play is that you may not really know who people are," Johnston said.

The play features Joey Roesel, sophomore

theatre major; Stephanie Belt, freshman theatre major; Carry Stewart, junior theatre education major; Jeff Reed, sophomore education major; Eran Olsen, freshman secondary education major; James Jordan, sophomore theatre major; Kris Stoker, sophomore theatre major; and Lisa Hardy, senior theatre major.

Johnston's production concept will give the play a unique look and feel.

"I wanted it to look like an old 1940s black and white movie," she said. "Black and white is very difficult, so we picked sepia colors so that everything is monochromatic. The lighting and everything is different shades of brown and tan so that it looks like an old photograph."

Johnston believes audiences will enjoy not only the mystery but the humor as well.

"The characters are all very eccentric," she said. "There is a lot of comedy as we find out who's who...or at least, who we think they are."

The Mousetrap will be performed Wednesday through Saturday in Taylor Auditorium. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. To reserve tickets, or for more information, persons may contact the theatre box office at 625-3190. □

CARTHAGE

Community band preps for concert

Event to honor Alumni

By ERIN SELLERS
STAFF WRITER

The Carthage Community Band is gearing up for this year's Maple Leaf Festival. The band kicks off the festival Sunday with a concert.

The concert benefits the Robert Stanfield Memorial Scholarship, given out each year to a Carthage graduate entering music education.

The concert starts at 2:30 p.m. in the Carthage High School auditorium. The selections include a variety of marches.

"We're calling it 'A Homecoming for Carthage Band Directors,'" said Marvin Van Gilder, conductor of the band.

Each of the former band directors will do an impromptu conduction of the band. Van Gilder anticipates the participation of seven former directors.

"But it's like everything else we do," he said. "We don't know what will happen until the concert."

Van Gilder, in his third year as the band's conductor, did not accept the task immediately. In his words, the band has had "two or three lives."

"It has died and resurrected several times," he said.

"I listened to [the people expressing a need for a conductor] for about a year and a half. I decided that if no one else was going to do it, I'd better."

The band consists of volunteer musicians from the four-state area.

"There is everything from doctors and lawyers to students in high school," said Vicki Mays, assistant conductor and Missouri Southern alumna. "Anybody who will just bring an instrument and play."

Van Gilder said 70 members are on the roster, but the band never has 70 together at one time.

"When you're working with adults, this is not unusual," he said. "We just adjust around them and keep going."

The Carthage Community Band also provides a means for Southern students who want to play but can not fit College band into their schedules.

Southern student Tom Porter plays French horn in the community band.

"I know that there are a lot of college students who played in the band in high school," Mays said. "But now their instruments are sitting in their cases gathering dust."

"[Society's] strong scholastic emphasis, it seems, leaves little time for art," Van Gilder said.

The band gives performances in Carthage and other communities throughout the year.

"Generally we take a break in August," Van Gilder said.

Along with the Sunday performance, the band will perform a Christmas concert at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the Carthage High School auditorium. □

MUSIC DEPARTMENT



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Dr. Kexi Liu, assistant professor of music, and the Missouri Southern Suzuki Violin Academy will host a Suzuki string workshop today and Saturday in Webster Hall auditorium. The workshop is offered free of charge to Suzuki Violin Academy students.

Liu, academy present Suzuki workshop

By MICHELLE CONTY
STAFF WRITER

Nationally known Suzuki teacher Carol Dallinger, professor of music at the University of Evansville, will be the clinician at a Suzuki workshop today and Saturday.

"Sometimes teachers contact other teachers on how to perform or teach certain pieces," said Dr. Kexi Liu, assistant professor of music.

The workshop is offered free of charge to Suzuki Violin Academy students. The fee for outside students who want to participate in the workshop is \$20, or \$10 for today and \$15 for Saturday.

There is no admission charge for observers.

"We have about 60 students in our program, ranging from 4 years old to high school seniors," Liu said.

"We are anticipating about a dozen outside students."

"This is a rare opportunity; we have these workshops every two years," he said. "To get a nationally known teacher to come to Joplin, we must get enough money to pay them."

The workshop was made possible by donations from area organizations and individuals. Friends and parents also aided in fund raising for the Suzuki Violin Academy through the Albertsons Community Partners Program.

The Albertsons Community Partners Program formerly was known as the Smitty's Hand-in-Hand program, prior to

Albertsons purchasing Smitty's in the spring.

In 1995, Dallinger received the outstanding teacher award at the University of Evansville.

She has served as principal second violinist of the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra for the past 25 years.

She has also made solo appearances with the Evansville Philharmonic. Dallinger has performed as recitalist in various locations throughout the United States, Austria, England, and Italy.

"This gives the students a chance to work with other teachers," Liu said.

"There are four groups, each a different level. Each group meets with the teacher one hour on Friday and two hours on Saturday." □

SOUTHERN BOOKSTORE

Former Southern student pawns new book on campus

By SUSIE FRISBIE
ARTS EDITOR

Author and former Missouri Southern student Mike Sadler is embarking on the latest in his creative journey, and along the way, makes a stop at his former college.

Sadler, who attended Southern in 1974-75, will be on campus from 10 a.m. to noon today outside the bookstore to promote his debut effort as a novelist. Sadler, however, is not the only one new to the book signing regiment. The signing will also be a first for Southern.

"This is the first time we've ever done this, but a lot of other bookstores do it," said Steve Taylor, Southern bookstore manager. "It's a good way for a former student to publicize his work."

Sadler's book, *Blind Lady Blues: A*

Comedy of Lawyers, Monkeys, Bananas, and Justice, takes an in-depth look at the world of lawyers. He is not pleased at what he sees, however.

"Most lawyers today take a business approach, which I don't think helps the quest for justice," he said.

The subject matter is one close to Sadler, who like his lead character Josh Westwood, believes the legal system has failed him. Sadler dealt with his frustrations over the civil suit he was involved in by thrusting his discouragement into his novel.

"The book is a satire," he said. "It's an analogy, metaphor, or off-the-wall comedy and criticism of the way our legal system operates."

The book follows Westwood as he leaves the life he once knew to take off on a canoe trip and along the way makes many outlandish friends, including a psychic farmer's daughter

and computer wizard. However, the book focuses on the relationship Westwood maintains with talking monkeys. Westwood befriends Eekin, a monkey who is equally disenchanted with lawyers.

Sadler's prior writing experience includes a stint with the *Carthage Press* as a reporter and sports editor and a now-infamous magazine. During the height of the scuffle between Jerry Falwell and *Hustler* publisher Larry Flynt, Sadler wrote a satire about the evangelist for his nemesis' magazine.

"My timing was good," Sadler said. "I got on Jerry Falwell's mailing list and was appalled by his marketing approach to religion."

With his days at the *Carthage Press* and his article with *Hustler* behind him, Sadler hopes to be able to stick to his novel writing if financially able. He also experiments with a new

publishing method. His book is published by Buy Books on the Web.

"My publishing company accepts new authors more readily, and they don't actually do a print run," he said. "Instead, they basically print by order or demand."

Sadler hopes his effort with Buy Books on the Web will gain him what only a small percentage of writers ever achieve — an agent.

"There's a catch-22 in the writing business," he said. "Agents don't want to talk if you don't have a publisher, and publishers don't want to talk if you don't have an agent."

Sadler's next step toward earning agent representation will occur on campus at the book signing.

He will also be in Joplin on Saturday promoting his effort even further through yet another signing, this time at Hastings from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. □

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Arts Showcase

Arts Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Susie Frisbie at 625-9311.



■ Southern Theatre will be presenting Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Performing Arts Center.

**Fri., Sat.
9-10**

The Missouri Southern Suzuki Violin Academy is hosting a Suzuki string workshop in Webster Hall Auditorium.

**Tuesday
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7:30 p.m.

The International Film Festival will be showing the Italian film *Vittelloni* in Matthews Hall.

Admission is \$1.50.

**Monday
19**

The Spiva Art Gallery will be hosting the "Africa Through the Eyes of Women Artists" exhibit, which will run through November 19. Admission is free.

TEACHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Swenson brings new emphasis



Dr. Nora Swenson, assistant professor of teacher education, focuses on special education.

By GARRY MOORE
CHART REPORTER

If one has questions about the value of Beatrix Potter collectibles, there is someone on campus to help.

Dr. Nora Swenson, assistant professor of teacher education, has made several trips to Europe. She also made the journey to Hilltop, England — the site of numerous stories and paintings by Potter, including Peter Rabbit.

"My husband and I like to travel," Swenson said. "I've brought back biographies and books by her that I had never seen before in the United States. Another time I brought back a miniature china tea set that I found in a little gift shop."

Swenson received her bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University and her master's degree from Illinois State. She completed her dissertation in March and received her doctorate from Kansas University.

"My second year of college, I worked as a para-educator, which is a teacher's aide," she said. "By the end of the year I knew that teaching was what I wanted to do, and special education would be my field."

She has taught in Illinois, Kansas, and Ohio for 20 years. She has worked as a speech-language pathologist and taught English as a second language for kindergartners to college students.

Swenson is a member of the American Speech and Hearing Association and the Council for Exceptional Children. She is also a Kansas City Zoo docent.

"A docent is a volunteer who is a part of the educational department," she said. "They have zoo school, and they bring the kids in five mornings a week and study the different animals."

Her objective at Missouri Southern is to inform people of the strong need for special educators.

"I've always enjoyed working with people," she said. "I hope to get across the differences between general education and special education, to help the students interact better." □

COMPUTER INFORMATION SCIENCE

Life philosophy helps Collins' daily grind

Husband, father says parenting hard work

By JANA BLANKENSHIP
STAFF WRITER

One day at a time is the way James Collins describes his life.

In addition to being Missouri Southern's new assistant professor of computer information science, Collins is a husband and father of two.

With all that responsibility, how does he juggle it all and still seem to come out on top? That's exactly why he takes it one day at a time.

Collins married his wife, Wilma, in 1990, and says raising two children, Leah, 5, and Jaired, 3, is hard work.

It's even more difficult to juggle schedules since his wife attends Southern as a part-time student.

"Raising children is awfully time consuming and a big accomplishment," he said. "Leah just started school and she loves it. I want my kids to be happy."

Collins, who grew up in St. Louis, received a four-year degree from Saint Louis University and a two-year degree in data processing from St. Louis Community College.

He also has a master's degree in computer science from Southern Illinois University.

After obtaining his four-year degree, Collins went to work for McDonnell Douglas in 1984 as a processing clerk and then as a report distributor. After six months, he was promoted to a computer operator and then to computer engineer. His job was to create diode rays to construct laser computers.

"It was an interesting place to work with interesting people," he said. "That is until he and his whole team were laid off because they had produced all the diodes needed."

"I was kind of surprised," he said. "I thought I would stay there."

After the layoff, Collins became a programmer for SIU. He worked there for three years before deciding to get his master's in teaching.

"When I was programming in Southern Illinois, periodically I had to train people on computer systems I'd written," he said. "I enjoyed it. I wasn't sure, but I figured I'd either go into teaching or be able to get a better job."

After his master's, he applied to different schools and was offered a job at Crowder College in Neosho. He taught there for three years before coming to Southern.

"I'm attracted to the fact that education can make a difference in a person's life," he said. "I've always been attracted to the idea of being a part of that."

In his spare time, Collins enjoys playing golf and tennis, riding his 12-speed bike, and working in his garden.

Right now he only has tomatoes, water spinach, and eggplant because he got a late start.

Next summer, though, he hopes to plant much more.

In the future, Collins' goal is to start working toward a Ph.D. Collins' advice to college students is simple and patterns after his own life.

"I would advise that you find a work area you enjoy and do your best," he said.

"I think you should enjoy your work and excel at it." □

PHYSICAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

New chemistry instructor enjoys mystery novels, Orioles baseball

By MELODY LANING
CHART REPORTER

An ad in a magazine that led to a big move resulted in Dr. Marsi Archer's career at Missouri Southern.

One day, while looking through *Chemical Engineering News*, Archer found an ad for a chemistry position at Southern. Upon seeing the ad, Archer placed her application at the College along with her résumé and transcripts. A call for an interview followed. Archer met with faculty and concluded her interview with a mock lecture for Dr. Vernon Baiaomonte's class.

"The lecture went really well," Archer said. "In fact, right now I'm trying to find the notes I used for that lecture so I can use them for a lecture this year."

Archer, instructor of general chemistry, originated from Severna Park, Md. She attended James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., for four years. She graduated with a chemistry major before receiving her Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry at Ohio State University.

Archer chose Southern for a variety of reasons. She liked the area and faculty, and the size of the College was exactly what she was looking for.

"I like working with students," she said. "It's my calling, kind of an interest to me."

While in high school, Archer was involved in National Honor Society and the math club. She was enrolled in several advanced placement classes and held a 3.8 grade-point average throughout high school and college. Archer also worked at the Naval

Academy in Annapolis, Md., doing research. Much of her research involved organometallics and transition metal complexes.

Archer lives in Joplin with her husband, whom she married in October 1997.

When not teaching or doing research, Archer enjoys listening to classic rock groups like the Beatles.

She is also a fan of mystery movies like *L.A. Confidential*. Her favorite book is *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck. Archer also enjoys catching the Baltimore Orioles on TV.

Many people have things they fear. Archer is like a majority of people in that sense.

"I'm afraid that my life will have no meaning," she said. "The reason I teach is to see the results I have on students. If I can see that just one student has grasped what I have taught, then that makes my life more meaningful."

Archer also believes in experiencing college life. She thinks college can be one of the best learning experiences.

She strongly encourages students to listen to the lecturers the College has invited to visit.

"Learn about yourself through college," she said. "Get as much college experience as you can and learn from your peers."

She also encourages students to take their learning several steps beyond the classroom.

"Learn as much as you can and take that spirit of learning beyond school walls, beyond college, and continue learning, throughout your life, by teaching your children, family, and friends," Archer said. □

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Dr. Kerry Johnson, new mathematics department faculty, enjoys the logical aspect of his discipline.

Joplin, Southern interest instructor

By ROB WOODALL
CHART REPORTER

Got math?

Dr. Kerry Johnson, recent addition to the mathematics department, has plenty of math. This semester Johnson teaches Beginning Algebra, College Algebra, and Math for Elementary Teachers II.

"I like the logic involved in math," Johnson said.

His personal interests are algebra (groups, rings, ideal domains) and topology (the study of different spaces). Johnson's professional interests are math education, calculus reform, and technology in the classroom.

Johnson received a bachelor of science degree in math from Arkansas Technical University in 1988. He received his master's of science degree in math and his Ed.D. from Oklahoma State University in 1992 and 1996, respectively.

"I have always enjoyed teaching," Johnson said, "and have wanted to be a teacher since high school."

Born in Norman, Okla., Johnson grew up in Hatfield, Ark. Hatfield has a population of around 410 people, he said.

Johnson went on to graduate from Hatfield High School. He excelled in most of his classes there. "I struggled with typing," he said.

Johnson taught college algebra, survey of math, and statistics at East Central University in Ada, Okla., from 1996-98.

Johnson came to Missouri Southern in June. He found the job on the World Wide Web through the *Chronicle of Higher Education's* site.

Johnson enjoys Southern and the Joplin area. "I'd like to be successful here," he said. "My wife likes Joplin a lot."

Johnson enjoys reading and racquetball. He has been married for three years. His wife, Deanna, works for C&C Machine as a "troubleshooter." Johnson has no children, but has a dog, Waggles. "I didn't name him," he said. □



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Dr. Marsi Archer, instructor of general chemistry, got her job at Southern by responding to a magazine ad.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Love of music is lifelong passion for Smith

By ERIN SELLERS
STAFF WRITER

Let tomorrow happen is Steve Smith's philosophy. Smith is writer/editor in the public information office.

"I was seriously injured in a car wreck on the verge of my [college] graduation," he said. "Probably the worst thing that has happened to me. You can never tell; tomorrow, I might not be here."

Smith was injured when the car in which he was riding collided with a semi-truck. He lives for each day and that makes his life worth living.

Music is Smith's passion. He plays guitar and sings in a folk-rock band called The Dharma Bums. The band got its name from the Jack Kerouac book, *Dharma Burns*. The band's most recent performance was Sept. 12.

"We have a lot more work to do," Smith said. "It was sort of a test run."

"Music is something I was doing 15 years ago, and probably something I'll be doing 15 years from now."

Before his job at Missouri Southern, Smith worked as news director at a local radio station. Among the many people he met were Bob Hope and various politicians.

Besides radio, Smith's employment history includes 10 years in public relations at Freeman Hospitals and Health System in Joplin. At Freeman, Smith met former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

"I had a quiet chat with her at her hotel," Smith said.

He won various copy writing and ad campaign awards during his 10 years at Freeman.

Smith joined the Southern staff in June. He is a Southern alumnus, graduating in 1977 with a bachelor

of arts degree in English. He also has a master's of arts in English from Pittsburg State University.

Smith does most of the writing and editing of the College's alumni newsletter, *Southern*. He does photography for *Southern* as well. Smith also edits news releases and advertisements for the College. He takes photographs, on request, for some of the departments.

"We are basically running the gauntlet," Smith said about his office duties.

Smith was the editor of *The Chart* in 1975-76. That was the first year *The Chart* won "Best in Class" from the Missouri College Newspaper Association. That same year, the MCNA elected Smith president.

"And here it is 21 years later and I'm still doing [the same thing]," Smith said. "It's nice to be back."

Smith and his wife of nearly four years, Roben, live in Carthage with their 14-month-old son, Vince Oliver.

"He's the thing that will keep me young," Smith said. "We caught him halfway up this long flight of stairs chasing the cat. Just think when he starts walking."

Smith sums up his view of life this way.

"I took a trip one time with a friend of mine to Mexico," he said. "We didn't take a very sophisticated road map. We thought we could go on and drive over to the west side, but the map didn't show the fact that there was a vast mountain range in our path. It took two days to get across the mountain range, with hairpin turns and the like."

"We set out to do something and we finally did get there; it just turned out to be a little more complicated than we expected. That's sort of how life is."

"There are a lot of times when you think, 'Well, I'd like to do this,' but along the way you run into some challenges you didn't count on. I think that's probably the best part of life." □



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Steve Smith, public information editor/writer, lives by the philosophy to live life for the day. Smith returns to Missouri Southern after graduating in 1977.

FINANCIAL AID



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Kathy Feith, financial aid secretary, moved to the Joplin area after gang violence had escalated in her former home of Ashdown, Ark.

Feith controls busy life

Secretary understands importance of education

By RUSSELL DAKE
CHART REPORTER

Gangs and Ashdown, Ark., the two are not exactly synonymous.

Crips and Bloods are all too familiar to Kathy Feith, secretary in the Missouri Southern financial aid office.

"We lived down there (Ashdown) until 1995," she said. "When my little boy was born, I wanted a little bit better environment, so we moved back here. There were too many gangs where I was from."

One final act of violence became the deciding factor in the decision to move. A 13-year-old boy was murdered over a wallet containing only one dollar.

"That just kind of convinced me that it was time to move," Feith said.

Time management is a key component in the structure of her lifestyle, a lifestyle that revolves around goals, priorities, and many responsibilities.

"The most unique thing at this point is I'm a mother, a wife, expecting our second child, and I am a student," Feith said. "I work 40 hours a week, go to school five days a week during my lunch break, and take an audit class at night."

All these factors contribute to occupying a major portion of her time.

"You have to have goals in life," she said.

One goal she has set is to obtain her degree in accounting and becoming a CPA. Feith has targeted 2003 or 2004 for her graduation date. While working full-time in the financial aid office, she is able

to enroll in only six hours per semester, has completed 30 hours, and looks to receive her associate degree in the year 2000.

Feith originally enrolled in college at the age of 18 and had a full scholarship to Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

"I got sick and lost my scholarships," she said. "I decided that school was not the priority and that I needed to work for a while."

Feith started at Missouri Southern a year ago. After seven years in the work force and seeing little incentive to continue her career without a college degree, she decided it was time to pursue her diploma.

"I appreciate school more now," Feith said. "I have been out in the world and worked, and I'm still working. You can have all the experience in the world, but if you don't have that paper, people want that piece of paper."

She obtained her job in financial aid in somewhat of an unusual way. Originally Feith applied for an opening in admissions and was one of two people interviewed for the position.

"I received a call about a month and a half later," she said. "There was another job opening and I had been put next in line for the opening. I met with Jim Gilbert, director of financial aid, for a short interview. About a week later I received a call to meet with the people upstairs. The rest is history."

With a husband, a 3-year-old, a baby due in January, a full-time job, a home, and finding time to be a student on her lunch break, Feith's life is filled with goals, values, commitment, and responsibility. □

REGIONAL CRIMINALISTIC LABORATORY

Heincker enjoys restoring, quilting

By ROBBY BALL
CHART REPORTER

Old houses become new when second-year forensic analyst Michelle Heincker and her husband get their hands on them.

Refurbishing old houses is just one of the hobbies Heincker does when she is not at the Justice Center on the campus of Missouri Southern.

"My husband and I really enjoy doing that," Heincker said. "The home we live in now we redid, and we are looking at another one to do."

This Carl Junction native and Southern alumna was a chemical technician for more than seven years when the job at the College opened up.

"I liked the opportunity to come back to Southern," Heincker said. "Plus, it enabled me to see my parents more, especially my mom since she works at Hearnes Hall."

Her mother happens to be Miriam Morgan, secretary to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

Heincker's degree is in biology, although she does drug analysis at the Regional Criminalistic Laboratory. Heincker said more than 50 agencies use this lab at Southern, mainly because of its good reputation.

"There are other labs around here, one in Springfield and a new one in Pittsburg," she said. "This one is just so well known and convenient that they come here for most of their cases."

Heincker said the transition from chemical technician to drug analysis was not all that difficult.

"Both jobs deal with the same procedure and testing techniques," she said. "The only difference is the substances."

Heincker also said college can be hard, but it is what one makes of it.

"Find something you like to do," Heincker said. "Get all the education about it now, because it is hard to go back later."

Heincker is sometimes called to testify on what she found through her drug tests.

"The weirdest case I ever had to testify for was when a guy defended himself and then never showed up after the lunch break," she said. "Guess he couldn't handle the pressure."

Heincker and her husband of five years, Tim, have two fluffy cats and are in the process of adoption.

"It is a long process," she said. "A lot of paper work, and then a lot of waiting."

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trials and tribulations, but he'd gotten back on track here at Southern," Williams said.

"He found Southern to be his home. He was here to stay until he finished."

Johnson decided that upon graduation in December 1999 he would pursue a career working with troubled children.

"He wanted to work with troubled kids and use sports as a tool," Ripper said.

Ripper works at the Division of Youth Services.

Johnson volunteered his time there playing softball, pool, and roller skating with the children.

The experience led to him being hired part-time.

After graduation, Johnson wanted to move south, possibly to Atlanta. He said it was a city that was green and not all cement.

"He liked the big-city life, but wanted to be around grass and trees," Ripper said.

Johnson enjoyed visiting Grand Falls outside of Joplin and watching the stars at night.

Remembering the good times

Outside Webster Hall, a tree is scheduled to be planted in Johnson's honor. It will have the chance to grow that he was not afforded, the opportunity to spread its roots much like he did.

For in the short time Johnson walked Southern's halls, friends say he did more to stretch out and reach others than they were accustomed to seeing. And that's the fleeting image of him they will try to preserve, long after the pain of his loss has numbed.

"The best way to move on is to remember the good times," Gubera said. "In that respect, he's still alive. Just away. He'll always be a part of my mind. I remember his voice, his smile. That's what gets me through this. That memory is mine. Nobody can ever take that away from me."

Williams notices the empty desk in his class where Johnson used to sit. The hard realities of life can sometimes go unnoticed in the surreal college atmosphere. Johnson liked to joke in his classes. He enjoyed getting the class rolling.

"It makes me realize how short life can be and how freak things can happen at any time," he said □



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Michelle Heincker, forensic analyst, spends her spare time restoring old houses with her husband.

Along with remodeling houses, Heincker also enjoys contemporary Christian music. Her husband works as a machinist when he is not laying out a floor plan for the "new" old house.

Heincker tries to stay busy when she is not at the Justice Center.

"I just recently took up quilting," she said. "It takes up some time, but is interesting." □

SUSPECT:
Authorities
make arrest

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stemmed from an incident at Fourth Street and St. Louis. Black allegedly followed Johnson in a vehicle to the Fifth and Joplin intersection where he stabbed Johnson.

Police released a description of the suspect's vehicle that led to the arrest, Joplin police said.

Black is charged with being a fugitive of justice in the Delaware County jail in lieu of \$500,000 bond. He is fighting extradition to Missouri where the Jasper County prosecutor's office has issued a warrant for first-degree murder. □

Election means great changes for Germany

By CALE RITTER
EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT

ANSBACH, Germany—

On Sept. 27, Germany held its elections for chancellor. As in America, elections for this top position are held every four years.

The CDU party, also known as the Black Party, has held power the past 16 years with its candidate, Helmut Kohl.

This was a particularly exciting event for me because I had just seen Kohl give a speech only a few weeks earlier. The other reason it was exciting was because the government changed hands after this tense election.

The CDU party was beaten by the SPD party. The CDU is more conservative, while the SPD leans more toward the liberal side. The SPD, also referred to as the Red Party, had chosen Gerhard Schroeder, a man more than a decade younger than Kohl, who is 68 years.

Kohl has been the leader of Germany since

1982, long before the 1991 reunification of Germany. He has gotten the country through some tough times during the reunification years.

One of the primary political stances of the Black Party is the support of the new European currency, the Euro. It will come into use in January 1999. Dr. Friedrich Frischeisen, who teaches economic politics here at the Fachhochschule in Ansbach, said, "Most Germans think that the Euro is not good and that Germany has to pay for it more than the other countries which are poorer, such as Italy and Spain."

Although Frischeisen is a supporter of the Black Party, as the election drew nearer he thought Schroeder would be the victor. He said, "Germans wanted to have a change in many things such as the problem with the high unemployment rate and high taxes." Currently, Germany pays a 16 percent sales tax alone.

Bavaria, the state where Ansbach is located, is

primarily made up of CDU voters. As I talked with my acquaintances and friends, it was difficult to find SPD supporters.

Two female friends of mine, Alex and Paty, both voted for Schroeder.

They said they were "sick of Kohl and happy to get someone new into the office. Kohl has been there too long."

This seemed to be one of the strongest feelings I came across as I questioned people these past couple of weeks. Supporters of Schroeder, and people who would always vote CDU, seemed to have a general consensus that Kohl had become stagnant in office. Some thought he had a good or decent run but believed he was out of ideas and energy to support the ones he had.

Frischeisen said, "The power has transferred, and now the Red Party will get credit the former party had built up."

This may be true, but this would affect any administration that is changing hands. In parlia-

ment, the party in power must hold a majority of the seats. The SPD made a coalition with the Green Party. It stands for the protection of the environment.

The Green Party announced it wanted to increase the cost of fuel from just over 1 DM per liter to 5 DM per liter. Just so you know, there are approximately four liters in a gallon. Yeah, do the math!

Another friend of mine, Pamela, also supports the SPD party. She said,

"The coalition with the Green Party should be good for the environment, but I don't think there is a chance that the cost of fuel will raise that much."

I don't know what the new government is thinking, but one thing is for sure. With the new party in power and the new European currency being introduced next year, there are bound to be some great changes in Germany over the next few months or years. Hopefully, I will be here to witness some of it. □

Ansbach Adventures



Cale Ritter, a senior communications major, is spending the semester as Fachhochschule Ansbach in Germany. Every week, he provides an update of his experiences.

New currency will affect European schools

By MICHAEL RASKA
EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT

TRIER, Germany—

As Europe's new currency prepares to debut on Jan. 1, 1999, Nick Wood, a member of the European Affairs Commission, answers the following questions:

Q: Schools are also preparing for the Euro. So what changes will Europe's new money bring to the textbooks pupils use?

A: At the moment, pupils learn to calculate in their national currency. But soon everything will be in Euros. Today, a young French student might expect to see the following question: A woman wants to buy some Apples at six francs, 60 a kilo. How much will she pay for three kilos? Soon that exercise will be expressed in Euros.

But rewriting the textbooks to reflect the arrival of Europe's new single currency is likely to be an expensive business. By 2002, when the new Euro coins and notes will come into circulation, school satchels will have to contain only textbooks that have been entirely revised.

The European Union has no responsibility for

education policy, but Brussels has asked member states to ensure that the changeover be as quick as possible. How and when countries do it, though, is up to them. Some have already started. The Dutch government has ruled that from 2002 all sums in textbooks must be expressed only Euros.

But the question of who will pay for the re-printing is still the subject of negotiations between the state and publishers. In other countries like Spain and France, no ministerial edict has been necessary because publishers have taken the lead.

Q: Europe's new currency will be launched Jan. 1. So what will happen to our old cheque books?

A: Banks are getting ready to offer cheque books in Euros for all transactions carried out in the new money next year. Until the Euro becomes the only money in circulation in 2002, we'll have to get used to having two different cheque books: one in national currency, like those used today, and another in Euros.

Another alternative exists for the transition period to the Euro. We can use a cheque book in national currency, for example in Portuguese Escudos, cross out the money, and write in



"Euros" instead. But this does raise problems. Cheques are marked with a bar code so transactions can be handled automatically. But the current system doesn't differentiate between Escudos and Euros for example, raising the possibility of some expensive mistakes.

So banks are looking at solutions to discourage customers from altering cheques. One possibility is to introduce financial penalties to discourage clients from changing their cheques. Good advice would be to pay close attention to both the cheques we write and those we receive. If someone gives you an altered cheque, it's best to ask for another form of payment since you could have problems later when trying to cash the cheque in the bank. □

SYMPOSIUM: Mankiller speaks

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aware of the variety and what all people are capable of."

After a few jokes to dispel any hostility coming because of her name, Mankiller quickly moved on to her younger days and the events that helped shape her into a community leader.

In the 1950s, as the United States government worked to alleviate the problems of tribal communities, her family was relocated to housing projects in San Francisco by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Volunteer work within this community began her trek toward a political career.

At San Francisco State, Mankiller became involved with some of the cultural movements of the mid-1960s. One such movement included students taking

over Alcatraz island for Native Americans. Mankiller said it was while listening to speakers on Alcatraz that she decided to become actively involved. She said she was moved by the speakers' ability to express feelings. Her next move was to get involved in fund-raising.

After moving back to tribal lands, she began work for Cherokee Nation in 1977. In 1983 she was asked by the then principal chief, Ross Swimmer, to run as his deputy chief. She now works as a speaker, author, and activist to help others learn and respect the role women play in politics and government.

"What I really want to do is talk about leadership and the special role women play and how they participate in government, especially the issues tribal people" □

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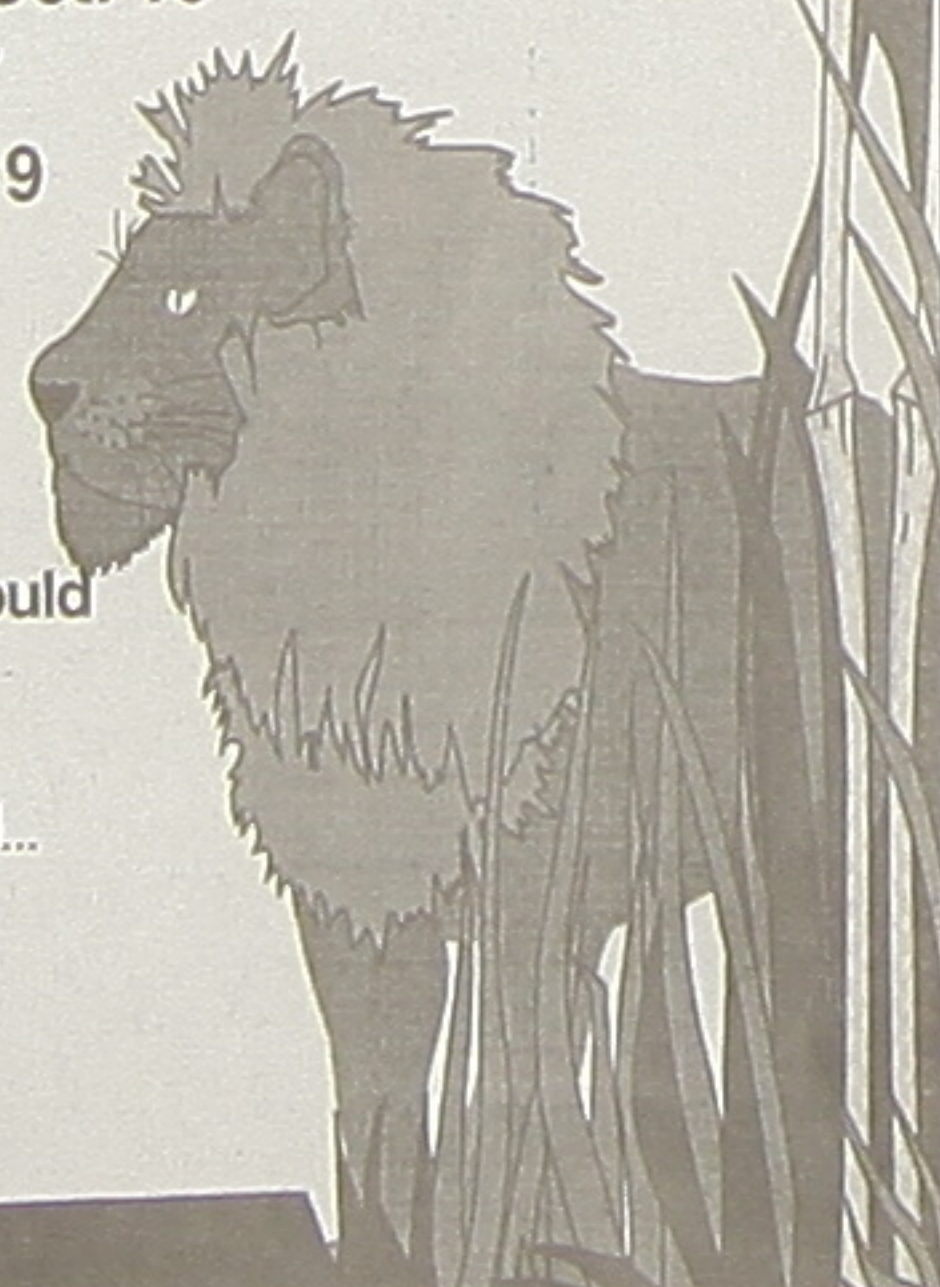
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VOLLEYBALL



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

A Missouri Southern defender scores a dig against Missouri Western Saturday. The Lady Lions won the match in four games after losing to Northwest Missouri State on Friday night.

Offense struggles during road match

By ANDRE L. SMITH
SPORTS EDITOR

It took the Drury's volleyball team three games to defeat Missouri Southern on Wednesday night. The Lady Lions fell 15-11, 15-7, 15-7.

Lady Lions head coach Debbie Traywick was said her team could get nothing going offensively.

"We just didn't play very well," she said. "We struggled on offensively."

Meredith Hyde led the Lady Lions with 8 kills and 14 digs. Amber Collins added 28 assists.

After Wednesday's game, Hyde leads the team in kills with 165.

Erin Fielding had 120 kills before Wednesday night's contest and Katie Moore had 115. Hyde is the team's dig leader. She had 14 in Wednesday's game which brings her total to 157. Moore leads the team in solo blocks with 12.

The Lady Lions spent last weekend battling MIAA foes. Northwest Missouri State, who was ranked fifth in the region, visited Southern Friday night.

The Lady Lions battled back after losing 15-7, 15-10 in the first two games by winning 15-10, 16-14 in the next two.

Southern kept it close in the fifth game, which is played in rally scoring format, but fell 16-14.

Traywick said that the way her team played makes her confident in a strong finish.

"I think that the last 3 games we played really well," she said. "I'm pleased we made it a 5-game match. Northwest is the fifth ranked team in our region, so if we can play the fifth ranked team like that, the wins will come."

Hyde showed her offensive and defensive talent against the Lady Bearcats. She had 20 kills to go along with her 12 digs.

Rachel Miller, Brainna Abel, and

Katie Moore led the way in blocks with eight apiece. Olson also chipped in 12 digs and Collins delivered 52 assists.

Missouri Western's football team was not the only team in town from St. Joseph, Mo. on Saturday.

The Lady Griffons paid Joplin a visit for a showdown with the Lady Lions.

In the first game, Southern hammered Western 15-1. Western responded with a 15-7 win in the second match.

Southern proved to be too much for the Lady Griffons in the third and fourth matches as they recorded wins of 15-12 and 15-8.

Hyde's presence was also felt by the Lady Griffons. She led in kills with 17, digs with 14, and blocks with nine. Moore added 14 kills and eight blocks.

Erin Fielding and Stephanie Bunker added 13 and 12 digs, respectively.

"Volleyball is such a momentum game and you can feel it slip away," Traywick said. "We had it in game one, started losing it in game two, and when it was 12-8 (MWSC) in game three, I knew we had to get it back. We called time-out and regrouped."

This weekend the Lady Lions will travel to Arkadelphia, Ark. to participate in a tournament where there will be tough competition. In attendance will be North Alabama, who is ranked first in the region, SIU-Edwardsville, and Henderson State.

"If we play like we did last weekend, we will be in every match," Traywick said. □

"Volleyball is such a momentum game and you can feel it slip away."

Debbie Traywick
Lady Lions
volleyball coach

SOCCER

Lions roll, Lady Lions lose heartbreaker

Lions dominate Lincoln 4-0, Fatigue haunts Lady Lions in final five minutes, lose 3-2

By ANDRE L. SMITH
SPORTS EDITOR

Adam Barr scored one goal and added an assist as the Lions blanked Lincoln University 4-0 Saturday.

The Lions, 4-6 overall and 2-1 in the MIAA, have an Oct. 24 game at Truman State before they end conference play. Head coach Jim Cook said the one loss may stifle them from winning the MIAA championship.

"It is going to be tough for us to win the conference," Cook said. "That one loss really hurt us."

Goalie Ben Butler recorded his third shutout

of the year. Other goals were by Shane Delmez, Kiley Cirillo, and Josh Lieneman.

"Our defense was much more solid this game," Cook said. "We played good team ball. Adam Barr had a very solid game, and everyone just played well."

Cook's troops were scheduled to play Tuesday night against cross-town rival Ozark Christian College, but the game was canceled due to heavy rainfall.

The Missouri Southern women's team did not have such luck in its game against Northwest Missouri State. The Lady Lions led the game with five minutes to play, but a late rally by the Lady Bearcats lifted them to a 3-2 victory.

"We have several injuries," Cook said. "We have a tendency to get tired late in the game."

The Lady Lions started the season with 18 players on their roster, but are now down to 15. Amanda Scank and Meg McIlquham are out for the season and underwent surgery Thursday.

Scank injured her ACL in the opener against

Southwest Baptist University. McIlquham, the starting goalie for the Lady Lions, separated her shoulder. Cook said the losses have hurt the team.

"The injury to Meg really hurt because she is our goalie," he said. "When it gets down to it, one of every six of our players is injured."

Tricia Searce is another injured player.

Cook added that he is impressed with the competitive play of his team and its improvement.

"We are playing a lot better," he said. "The last three games have been one-goal games. Most of the teams we play are varsity and we are constantly competing. That's a good sign."

Southern's women will travel to Iowa to face Graceland College at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The men's team will see action Tuesday night at Southwest Baptist University. The Lions' bout with the Ambassadors of Ozark Christian College has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. on Oct. 20. □

CROSS COUNTRY: Eudy takes first place, men one point shy of perfection

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finished first out of three teams in the meet. Although the meet was small, head coach Tom Rutledge is pleased with his teams performance.

"We probably had one of the best races here at Missouri Southern, for the men, in about four or five years," said Rutledge. "Our goal was to pack in and have a perfect score, which means to have our top five finish in first through fifth place."

The Lions were close in accomplishing that goal, they finished in second place through seventh place. Only a runner from the University of Missouri-Rolla kept the Lions from making the perfect score.

"We had a really good race, but we still got a long way to go to catch some of the other conference schools," Rutledge said. "We're still improving and trying to stay healthy."

Rutledge believes this was a good meet for his athletes, to go up there to participate and come home with the win.

"We were dominant," said Rutledge. "That's a good confidence builder for us, and a win is a win no matter how small the meet is."

The Lions' and Lady Lions' next meet will be this Saturday in St. Louis at the Washington University All Missouri Border States Championships. Teams from Illinois, Kansas, Iowa, and Wisconsin will attend the meet.

After this week, both teams have the week off and then compete for the MIAA championship in Pittsburg, KS on October 24th. □

HYDE: Upperclassmen provides hard-working example for young teammates

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One of Hyde's biggest challenges was adjusting to the new speed of the sport.

"The offensive play was quicker, the blocks were quicker, and the workouts were harder," she said. "It takes a lot more time and effort."

It didn't take long for Hyde to figure out that to be competitive there is no off season.

"We work out year-round; there is no off season," she said.

After her collegiate career is over, Hyde will have many memories to reflect on.

"I'll miss the spring tournaments, the road trips,

and the friendships that I have made," she said. "It has helped me communicate with other personalities on and off the court."

Having a player like Hyde can help make a coach's job easier.

"She works extremely hard on the court and in the weight room, and I think a lot of the younger classmen have respect for what she has done," said head coach Debbie Traywick.

Traywick believes Hyde is a good role model for underclassmen.

"She is a good leader and takes it as a responsibility; she has overcome so much and is doing a good job," Traywick said.

Some of Hyde's greatest traits are things that are

natural and can't be taught.

"She has a definite drive to win, she loves to play, enjoys the game, works hard, and smiles," Traywick said. "She fills the expectation of an outside hitter. She is a good passer and has a great attitude."

"She struggled as a freshman and had a tough sophomore season with the structure of our team, but this year she has been an excellent leader and learned off other people's mistakes," Traywick said. It has been exciting for Traywick to have Hyde as a player.

"I have enjoyed coaching her and look forward to the rest of this year and next year," she said. "It is a joy to coach people who go hard and like to win." □

FOOTBALL: Lions score on defense

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Five plays later, Thomas Minor took a handoff and 55 yards later found himself in the end zone.

The Lions' defense even decided to get in on the scoring. Paul Clancy picked off a Waterman pass at the 47 and lateraled the ball to Kqorea Willis. Willis ran the ball to the 7, but fumbled after attempting another lateral. The ball ended up in the end zone, and after a large pile up, Jarrett Cook came up with the touchdown.

Trailing 45-19, Waterman rushed for one touchdown and passed for another in a late rally by the Griffons, but time ran out on their comeback.

"We played really hard tonight," Gregory said.

"We just got caught in a little bit of a buzzsaw right at the end."

Defensively, there were three interceptions that we should have had and it would have stopped their momentum."

The Lions racked up 450 total yards to Western's 474. Minor led Southern rushers with 133 yards on 22 carries. Antonio Whitney added 77 yards on 21 carries. Ballard caught six passes for 57 yards, and tight end Tyler Wooldridge caught four balls for 42 yards.

Earnest Hunter, Marlon Douglas, Marque Owens, and Cook led the defense with five tackles apiece. Two of Douglas' tackles were worth 12 yards of losses. Freshman linebacker Jeremy Walker had a big game on special teams and forced one fumble. Walker, a freshman from Muskogee, Okla., played high

school football with Ballard.

"Jeremy is just a tremendous football player," Gregory said. "He is realistically undersized to be a linebacker, but he gets in there on special teams and makes good plays. He is as smart as any player we have on defense, and likewise his teammate Joey Ballard is one of our smartest offensive players."

The Lions will look for revenge against 12th-ranked Central

Missouri State University at 7 p.m. Saturday in Hughes Stadium. Last season in Warrensburg, the Mules hammered the Lions 31-10 on statewide television.

The Mules, 5-0 overall, have improved their defense even further this year. They have allowed only

nine points per game, which makes them the top-ranked defense in the nation.

"After watching films of the game last year, I thought Central intimidated us," Gregory said. "I thought we backed down in that game and we just didn't compete. They can really run on defense, and we will have to find a way to move the ball."

Gregory added that the Lion defense will have to play hard and keep the score down because he thinks it will be a low-scoring game.

"Central doesn't give up many points to anyone," Gregory said. "I told the team in our team meeting that there is nothing you can do about the last three games, but we can still be a great football team. We'll be judged by the way we finish." □

THIS WEEK'S GAME

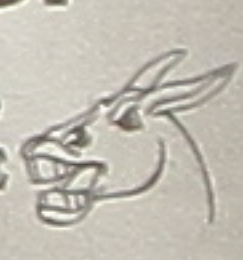
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Sports Scope



By Andre L. Smith
Sports Editor

Youngsters give doubters future hope

I must begin by apologizing for taking a week off from the weekly column. I'm making no promises that it will not happen again, but I'm just glad to be back.

I guarantee that half of you read my column each week saying, "Who is he going to pick on this week?" under your breath. I never pick on anyone. I am simply a man of the truth.

Thus, I begin to discuss Missouri Southern volleyball.

They are not the worst in the league. Neither are they anywhere near the best. Well, they aren't! However, I am impressed by their "never say die" attitude week in and week out. Since I have followed Southern volleyball, there has always been one young player who has made me optimistic of the next season.

This year's 3-12 team is full of young players. In fact, Erin Fielding and Meredith Hyde are the oldest players on the team. And even Hyde has one more year of eligibility.

Last year's ray of hope was Amber Collins, who was thrown into the setter position after the starter left the team. She was forced to grow up quickly — and she did.

This year's ray of hope is Katie Moore.

Moore, a middle hitter from Tipton, Mo., sat out last year as a redshirt, and according to head coach Debbie Traywick, was impressive in spring drills.

"She worked very hard in spring ball," she said. "Katie is a very quick learner. She has picked up the fast-paced offense much better than most middle hitters because of her athletic ability."

This season, Moore has consistently been a leader on the team in kills and blocks. The 6-footer tallied 12 kills in the Lady Lions' first victory against Pittsburg State and 14 more in Saturday's win against Missouri Western.

Moore plays with a look about her that could be intimidating to any opponent. In Southern's game against Ozark Christian College and in the Missouri Southern/Mr. Goodcents Classic, I recall her blocking an opposing player's shot back in their face. But, before she turned around to celebrate with her team, she looked into the eyes of her victim as if she were saying, "You can't deal with me."

Another player who has stepped up this season is Stephanie Bunger. The sophomore defender broke out in last week's win at Pitt State with 19 digs. She was a part of last year's MIAA championship softball team and, at times, has shown that she will be a great volleyball player.

Bunger's talent and intensity could best be utilized in the front line with Moore, but her current role is defense.

"She could very well be a dominant offensive player for us," Traywick said. "She will most likely get the chance in the future, but right now she is helping our team defensively. And she does it with a good attitude."

These youngsters are improving with every match, and with a couple of BIG recruits, we could see a new team next year.

There's nothing more that can keep you faithful to a losing team than a player with potential. Moore and Bunger have given us hope that one day the Lady Lions may be as good as national power and conference rival Central Missouri State. Until then, I guess we will have to suffer the often losses and celebrate the rare victories. □

FOOTBALL

Lions survive scare, topple Griffons

Lloyd leads Lions to victory in first collegiate start

By ANDRE L. SMITH
SPORTS EDITOR

Mark Lloyd could not have asked for more in his first collegiate start. The senior quarterback completed 10 of 15 passes for 99 yards and rushed for 122 yards in Missouri Southern's 45-39 win over Missouri Western.

Saturday's win was not only a first for Lloyd. It was the first for Greg Gregory as Lions' head coach.

"It felt a lot better than the last three weeks," Gregory said with a smile. "It'll be a lot more fun watching the tape tomorrow."

Gregory went into the game hoping that his team would improve their offensive performance. The Lions had scored only 27 points in their last three games, but they exploded on Western's defense.

Joey Ballard put the Lions on top 7-0 and capped a 12-play, 80-yard drive when he scored his first of three touchdowns on a 1-yard run.

Western responded seven minutes later with a 6-yard touchdown pass from Kasey Waterman to Jason Frederick.

On a first-down play early in the second quarter, Lloyd kept the ball on an option play and broke away for a touchdown run along the home-team sideline. The 48-yard scamper was the first of his collegiate career.

"The blocking up front was great," Lloyd said. "Everyone was on their assignments and everyone executed."

Once again Western responded as Mike Connaker ran off-tackle and broke free for a 73-yard touchdown run. Connaker finished the game with 216 yards on 19 carries.

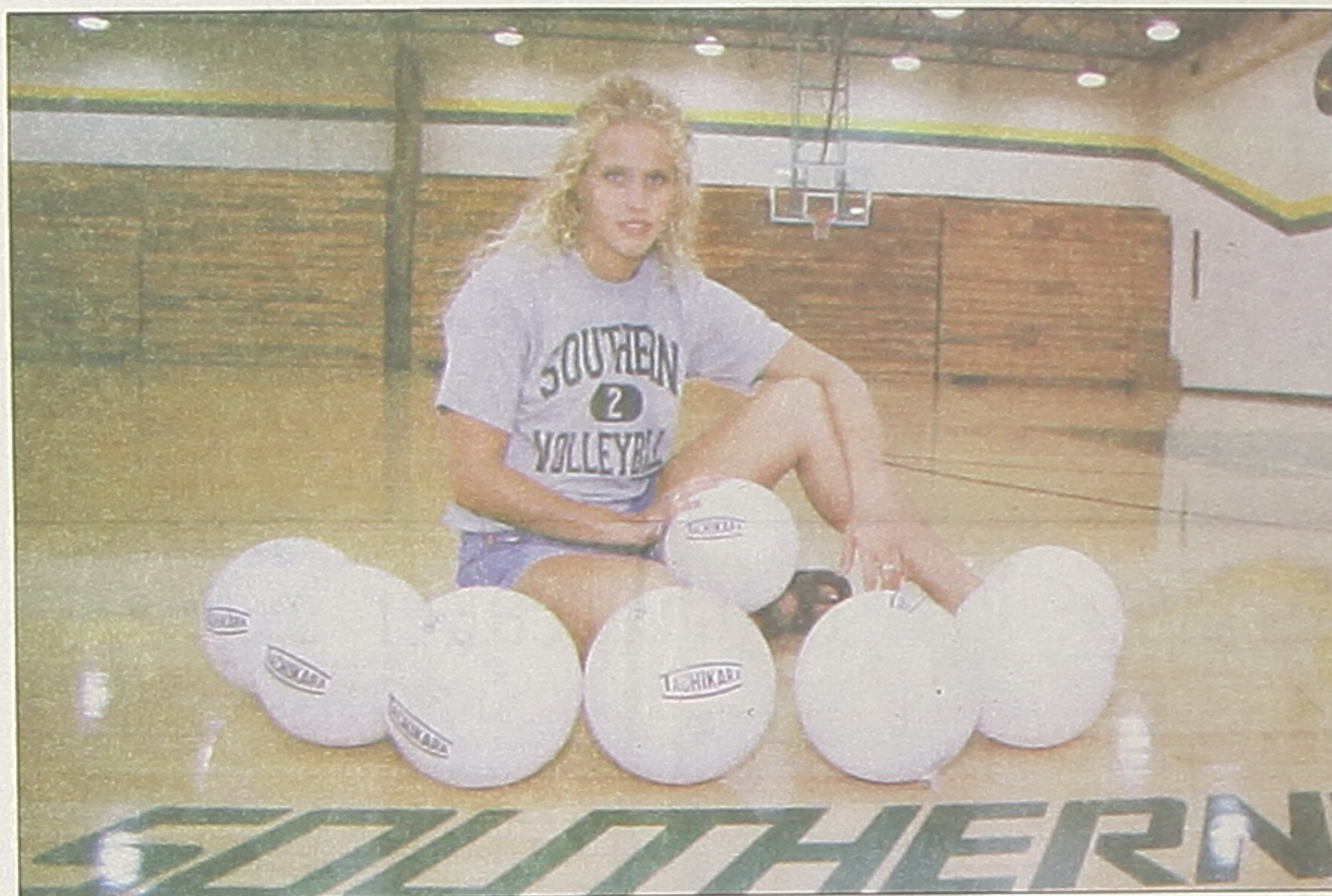
Caleb Lewis nailed a 22-yard field goal on the next drive that extended the Lions' lead to 17-13. Western's next drive stalled, and the Griffons were forced to punt.

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Missouri Southern defenders tackle Missouri Western runningback Mike Connaker. Southern's defense forced two fumbles and recovered their own fumble after an interception for a touchdown.

VOLLEYBALL



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Outside hitter Meredith Hyde serves as the team captain of Missouri Southern's volleyball squad. She is one of two upperclassmen.

Nowhere to Hyde

Meredith Hyde sets pace as Lady Lions' team captain

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

For most athletes, there would be added pressure being captain of the team and one of only two upperclassmen on the team.

This is not the case for volleyball player Meredith Hyde, a junior health promotions and wellness major and outside hitter from Crane.

"I like being an upperclassman and being a captain. I like being able to show them and set the pace," she said.

As one of only two upperclassmen, Hyde also knows her role on this year's squad.

"This year we are young, with only one senior and one junior," she said. "Everybody plays and gets along. The past couple of years we had a lot of upperclassmen, and we are more vocal this year with on-the-court play."

Even though Hyde is a leader this year, she was forced to make adjustments to start her collegiate career.

"In high school we played together for four years, and most of us had the same classes. Then in college, you had to start all over with learning people, and it takes a while to loosen up," she said.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Runners enjoy first place finish in Miner's meet

ANDY SEARCY
STAFF WRITER

The Missouri Southern Lions and Lady Lions cross country teams enjoyed a successful day at the Miner's Invitational in Rolla, MO last Saturday.

Both teams captured first place in the meet, the women edged out Truman State by one point to win. Women's head coach Patty Vavra said this meet was one of the best of the year for the Lady Lions.

"This was our best team race to the point," Vavra said. "We were able to keep our pack pretty tight almost through the entire race, definitely for two and a half miles."

The women's top individual finisher was senior Sonia Eudy as she finished in first place, and senior Amanda Harrison finished in third place for the Lady Lions. The women finished for runners in the top ten.

"We cut our pack time down to 1 minute and 17 seconds between our number one and number five runners this week," said Vavra. "Even though it was a small meet, it felt like it was a very important one for us."

The meet was important because it gave the Lady Lions a chance to go head-to-head with Truman, who is one of the top teams in the MIAA conference.

Vavra said she looks for the young women on the team to make a difference in the chase for the MIAA championship.

"I think our young people are really starting to make a big move right now," Vavra said. "You can really start to see them turn the corner and stay a little longer in the race and run very competitively."

The men's team also enjoyed a successful day at the Miner's Invitational. The Lions

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